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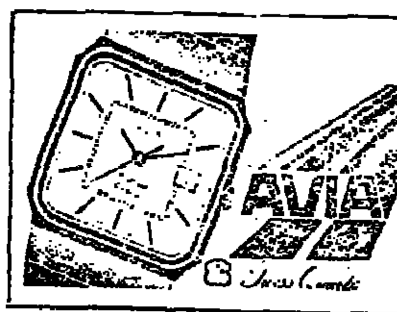

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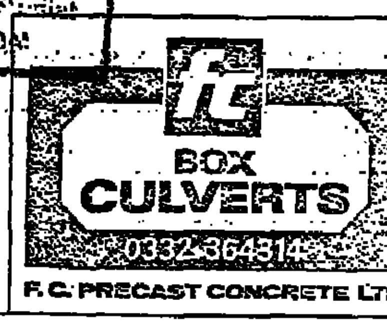

PIT PEACE HOPES DIMINISH

NCB disappointed by NUM reply

By JOHN RICHARDS, Industrial Correspondent

AFTER a day of high hopes that meaningful talks to end the pit strike were about to begin, both sides appeared to be drifting apart again last night over the intractable problem of pit closures.

Mr Norman Willis, T U C general secretary, told the Coal Board that its proposals for a settlement were unacceptable to the miners' union.

After a day of negotiations. Mr Arthur Scargill said the N U M's response to the formula evolved in talks between Mr Ian MacGregor and Mr Willis "ought to persuade the Coal Board to reconvene full and formal negotiations without pre-conditions.

But the Board's spokesman Mr Michael Eaton said the N U M had "rebuffed" its attempt to agree a basis for talks. He did not know if the peace initiative had entirely broken down. "I hope not, but the situation does not look good."

It appeared that the two sides were already speaking different languages.

The prospects for the peace talks must have taken a downturn as each side restated virtually their previous positions.

Mr Eaton, at a hastily-convened Press conference at Coal Board headquarters, said the Board had not received a formal response from N U M, but had seen only a television report of its statement which referred to "talks with pre-conditions" which was a phrase the Board did not wish to hear.

"Negotiations without pre conditions is not an adequate ground for the coal Board to resume negotiations."

The eight paragraph settlement proposals put to the pit deputies union Nacods and the N U M were subject to conflicting interpretation between the Coal Board and the T U C.

Its provisions were as follows:

1. It was of crucial importance to concentrate on future success of the industry and the parties committed themselves to reconciliation and restoration of relationships.

Plan for Coal to be revised

2. The N U M recognise that it is the duty of the N C B to manage the industry efficiently and secure sound developments in accordance with their responsibilities.

The Coal Board recognise that the N U M represents and advances the interests of its members and their employment opportunities.

3. Discussions will commence upon the revision of the Plan for Coal, to be completed within six months. The T U C undertake to provide assistance if called on by either the N U M or the Board.

4. The parties accept that it is of value to outline at this stage, the procedures that flow from a commitment to modify the Colliery Review Procedure.

5. After return to normal working, there will be urgent talks about the early establishment of a modified Colliery Review Procedure.

6. Proposals about the future of pits will be dealt with through *this modified procedure*.

In accordance with past practices those pits which are exhausted or facing severe geological difficulties will be closed by joint agreement.

In the case of a colliery where there are no further reserves which can be developed to provide the Board, in line with their responsibilities, with a satisfactory basis for continuing operations, such a colliery will be closed.

7. Under the modified Colliery Review Procedure, the independent body will constitute a further consultative stage after the national apepal stage, and all parties are committed to give full weight to the views of the proposed independent review body.

8. At the end of this procedure, the Board will make its final decision. The parties accept this is not intended to constitute a no-strike agreement.

PIT PICKETS BREAK COURT ORDER

A police force's new "softly softly" approach to the pit strike was flaunted yesterday by 50 flying pickets who ignored a High Court judge's ruling outlawing mass picketing at seven south Yorkshire collieries.

Yorkshire N U M agreed to the order so only two policemen were put on duty at the pits when the pickets pounced at three of them

Mr Sammy Thompson, vice-president of the Yorkshire area, said last night: "We have asked branches to carry out procedures for six pickets only. The problem is some people can take things into their own hands."

MPs back Powell ban on embryos research

By Our Political Staff

THERE was overwhelming support from M Ps yesterday for Mr Enoch Powell's Bill to outlaw research experiments on human embryos.

The vote was decisive—238 for, 66 against—the latter including Mr Fowler the Social Services Secretary, and Mr Clarke, Minister for Health.

Last night M Ps were jubilant at the strength of support and were convinced that there was no way the Government could now hive off Mr Powell's Unborn Children (Protection) Bill which had so convincingly gained its second reading.

Earlier however the debate had been disrupted by a rowdy protest from a group of five women in the Strangers' Gallery who began whistling, activating high-frequency screech alarms, and scattering leafts in the chamber.

They also hurled on M Ps plastic bags containing samples of male contraceptive sheaths, spermacide tablets and packets of the Pill, and shouted abuse at Mr Powell.

They were immediately removed from the chamber, and four were detained in police custody until the debate had ended.

Another 10 women were taken into custody from the demonstration of 200 women which was staged butside Westminster.

'Fertility rights'

Miss Kate Marshall, general secretary of the Revolutionary Communist party, said yesterday: "We have organised this demonstration because it is an attack in the rights of women to control their own fertility."

The Bill will now pass on to its committee stage, the most controversial aspects possibly being debated on the floor of the House. But it is still unclear what the Government intends to do about the Bill's strength.

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Mr Robin Page: seeking gratuity rights.

'1969 leak' plea to Kinnock

By CON COUGHLI

A CIVIL servant dismissed by the Labour Government in 1969 for leaking details of a massive abuse of social security payments, asked Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday to take up his case in the light of the Ponting affair.

Mr Robin Page, 41, was dismissed from his job as a D H S S investigator after he wrote several articles highlighting supplementary benefit frauds.

Mr Page, who was working as a special investigator a tthe department's Cambridge office, wrote his articles because he claimed the then Social Services Secretary, Mr Richard Crossman, had given misleading information about the problem to the Commons.

He lost his job and all his pension and gratuity benefits for breaching Civil Service Staff rules.

Pension plea

"I no longer want my job back but I feel I am entitled to a full restoration of my pension and gratuity rights." Mr Page, now a freelance writer, said yesterday.

"I was alarmed that the Labour Government of the day, in the form of Richard Crossman and David Ennals, his deputy, were deliberately misleading the Commons about the extent of social security abuse."

Mr Page wrote three articles for the SPECTATOR under a pseudonym, but his identity was discovered and he was sacked.

A spokesman for the Labour party said last night it would be looking into Mr Page's case.

Other Ponting reports—P8; Another Thatcher letter—Back Page.

Police in new Ponting inquiry

MINISTRY of Defence police have reopened inquiries into the activities of secrets trial civil servant Mr Clive Ponting, a spokesman for the Ministry said last night.

It followed a Channel Four New sreport which said the investigation was believed to involve a letter allegedly from Mr Ponting to Labour M P Mr Tam Dalvell, who has been questioning the Government's decision to sink the Argentine cruiser the General Belgrano during the Falklands conflict.

The letter was said to have been sent nearly three months before Mr Ponting leaked documents about the case to Mr Dalvell.

The M O D spokesman confirmed that the decision to reopen inquiries was taken after Mr Ponting was acquitted at the Old Bailey.

Channel Four News reported that the earlier communication from Mr Ponting to Mr Dalvell was an anonymous letter suggesting questions which should be asked in Parliament and adding: "You are on the right track. Keep going."

£4m ARRESTS COST 200 JOBS

By Our Correspondent in The Hague

Two hundred British workers suddenly lost their jobs yesterday when two directors of their Ambsterdam company, Technical Services, a subsidiary of Southampton-based Profiles Personnel, were arrested for non-payment of workers' social security.

Reports say the company owes almost £4 million to the government. Technical Services supply workers to factories around the Netherlands.

PUPILS IN LUNCH RIOT

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

ABOUT 200 schoolchildren staged a mini-riot in the centre of Bradford yesterday, after being told their lunches are to be cancelled because of industrial action by teachers.

Traffic was halted, a shop window smashed and a car damaged as they marched to the city hall.

A boy of 15 had a thumb amputated after trapping it in a wrought-iron gate as security men closed it to stop the children storming the hall.

Police were called to round up the 200, aged 12 to 16, and escort them back to Carlton Bolling school, about a mile away.

More than 1,000 pupils refused to return to their desks after the lunch break and some of those joining the march carried banners which they had made the previous night.

One 15-year-old boy said: "We are getting the worst of the teachers' dispute. It is not right. We say: No dinners—no lessons."

Letters to parents

The pupils were given letters for their parents on Thursday in which the headmaster, Mr Mervyn Flecknoe, explained that school meals on Thursday and Friday week — after half term — were to be scrapped.

Members of the N U T are refusing to supervise lunch hours and cover for absent colleagues in protest at a 4 per cent pay offer.

Mr Flecknoe said last night that the boy who lost a thumb "was one of the innocent pupils who were involved."

Mr Flecknoe confirmed that 15 boys are being interviewed by police. A number have been suspended from school.

He added: "Some of the pupils, mainly girls, did stage an orderly protest at what they felt was a genuine grievance. But a group of boys took advice from a Left-wing organisation who provided a banner and a small group of loonies did all this. I don't yet know which political group was consulted."

BALLOT CLASH

N U T defends decision

Mr Fred Jarvis, N U T general secretary, yesterday defended the union's decision not to ballot all 235,000 members for strike action due to begin on Feb. 25.

But Mr David Hart, generall ciation of Head Teachers, which secretary of the National Association accept arbitration in the pay opposes the N U T's refusal to dispute, said: "The N U T knows full well that they are not likely to have an overwhelming vote for a strike if they have a national ballot."

SECOND LUCAN NANNY MURDERED

By Our Crime Staff

A second nanny employed to care for the three children of the missing Earl of Lucan has been found murdered, it was disclosed yesterday.

The dismembered body of Christabel Martin was found in London last month. She had temporarily helped Lady Lucan to look after the Lucan children following the murder of Miss Sandra Rivett, 29, who was battered to death in mistake for Lady Lucan in November, 1974.

Detectives are satisfied there is no link between the two deaths. An inquest recorded a verdict that Miss Rivett had been murdered by Lord Lucan. He disappeared.

TWO SET A NEW SNOOKER RECORD

The world non-stop snooker-playing record was broken by four hours yesterday by two players at Chichester, Sussex.

Glen Bunting, 19, and Andy Cristofoli, 32, completed 206 hrs 48 mins, with short breaks for rest and food totalling 2 hrs every 24 hours.

£90m JET ORDER

By Our Air Correspondent

British Airways has celebrated the second anniversary of the arrival of its first Rolls-Royce powered Boeing 757 by ordering three more of the £30 million twin jets.

Lifeboat survives 30ft Channel wave

By DAVID GRAVES

FORECAST: *Remaining cold.*

FALMOUTH lifeboat survived being tossed out of the water by a 30-foot wave during a Channel rescue in gales gusting at 65 mph yesterday.

The bad weather claimed three more lives, and four ships encountered difficulties in the Channel. Yachts and fishing boats sank, and minor roads were blocked.

The 65ft French trawler St. Simeon was limping towards Plymouth last night after being shepherded to safety by Falmouth and Penlee lifeboats and a Navy helicopter.

The St Simeon began sinking 17 miles off The Lizard. A Sea King helicopter from the Royal Naval Air Station at Culdrose, Cornwall, flew a pump to the trawler when her engines flooded, then made a second trip to re-supply the five-man crew with fuel.

The lifeboat, with its nine-man crew, was lifted from the water as she stood alongside the trawler, which took seven hours to pump out the water and re-start her engines.

Last night Penlee lifeboat, which relieved Falmouth lifeboat, and another French trawler, were escorting the St Simeon.

Another French trawler, the Bellamy, 149 tons, which began to take water 55 miles south of Plymouth, was escorted to France by a French warship and another French trawler.

A 20-year-old man was killed at Kidderminster when his car hit a tree, and the body of Miss Susan Anderson, 24, of Milngavie, Glasgow was found near Glencoe.

Daily Telegraph

WE regret that the price of The Daily Telegraph will be increased by 3p to 25p from Monday, Feb. 18. This is the first change in the price of the newspaper for nearly two and a half years.

The increase has been made necessary by rising costs over the period, particularly as a result of the falling value of the pound against the dollar which affects the main raw material, newsprint.

26 SOCCER GAMES OFF

The weather has badly hit today's sports programme with 26 cup and league soccer games in England and Scotland postponed. The pools panel will sit.

Only two F A Cup games are expected to be played—Everton v Telford United and York City v Liverpool. The Wales v England rugby union international in Cardiff is off and there will be no racing in England and Ireland.

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SHIP SINKING

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St Simeon reported to be sinking off Plymouth, with crew ready to abandon ship.

LEICESTER OFF

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Leicester v Orrell rugby union match today cancelled.

DEARER "TIMES"

Price of "Times" to rise from 20p to 23p on Monday.

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U.S. HELPS TO SLOW RISE OF $

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

AMERICA has intervened on international currency markets to try to slow the rise of the dollar Mr James Baker, Treasury Secretary, said yesterday.

Speaking on a day in which the pound continued to claw back lost ground, he said: "I think there was some effect, but what I cannot do is sit here and tell you how much it would have risen if we hadn't intervened."

Mr Baker's comments came after the Government reported that the U S economy had got off to a good start in 1985.

Wholesale prices remained unchanged last month, while industrial production rose by 0·4 per cent; the government reported yesterday. This prompted economists to predict that inflation this year would probably be held to two per cent.

POUND EDGES UP

Interest fears recede

OUR CITY STAFF writes: Fears of higher interest rates receded in London yesterday as the pound put on a spurt against a weaker dollar, helped by higher oil prices and hopes of an early end to the miners' strike.

The pound closed 85 points higher at $1·1027.

Dealers said the dollar was hit by profit-taking and fears that major central banks might try to drive the dollar down while American markets are closed over a long holiday weekend.

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Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Anticyclonic will remain over Scotland.

LONDON, S.E., CEN. S. ENGLAND, MIDLANDS, S. WALES: Dry, sunny periods. Wind E., moderate or fresh. Max. 36F (2C).

E. ANGLIA, E. ENGLAND: Dry sunny periods. Wind E. or S.E., light. Max 37F (3C).

CHANNEL ISLANDS: Mostly dry, rather cloudy. Wind E. strong. Max. 37F (3C).

S. NORTH SEA: Wind E., force 5 or 6-7. Sea rough.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENGLISH CHANNEL (E.): Wind E., force 6-7 or 8. Sea rough or very rough.

ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL, IRISH SEA: Wind E. or S.E., force 6-7 or 8. Sea rough or very rough.

OUTLOOK: Little change.

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World chess champion Anatoly Karpov listening as Mr Florencio Campomanes, President of the International Chess Federation, announced in Moscow yesterday that the world title match was being abandoned. The decision was denounced by the angry challenger, Gary Kasparov (left).

Soviet chess battle ends in war of words

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

ANGER and uproar brought an explosive end to the longest-ever world chess championship yesterday as the two Soviet players publicly disputed a decision by the world chess president to abandon their match.

Gary Kasparov, 21, the Jewish-Armenian challenger, bitterly accused the organisers of depriving him of possible victory over the defending champion, Anatoly Karpov, 33.

Karpov, an ethnic Russian and ardent Communist, led the series 5-3, needing one more win to clinch it, but had faltered under stress and lost the last two games in a row.

He has been reported as being close to a nervous breakdown but, in a dramatic appearance yesterday, he insisted he wanted to continue.

Giving no credit to Mark Twain, he said: "As we Russians say, 'rumours of my death have been exaggerated'."

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It is known that Kasparov's supporters, and probably the challenger himself, suspect the Soviet chess authorities want to keep Karpov as champion, because of his proven political reliability, and have engineered the abandonment of the series to save him from exhaustion and defeat.

Kasparov denounced yesterday's Moscow news conference by Mr Florencio Campomanes, president of the International Chess Federation, as "a well-prepared show in which each person played his part."

The challenger made little effort to hide his fury and may have done himself permanent damage in the politicised world of Soviet chess.

Mr. Campomanes said the five-month series had "exhausted the physical, if not the psychological resources, not only of the participants but of all those connected with the match."

He said the Soviet Chess Federation — by far the most powerful national body in world chess — supported his decision.

Reasons to do with the prestige of chess were involved, too, he said, and added: "The players are only one part of this situation." The marathon contest had produced concern among chess officials in many countries, the news media had

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INMOS SURGE TO £14m PROFIT

By Our Business Correspondent

Inmos, the former State-controlled microchip company, made its first profit last year after losing £52 million since it was founded in 1979.

The company, now controlled by Thorn E M I, turned in a net profit of £14·4 million with sales almost trebled to £110·3 million.

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EARNINGS-LINK PENSIONS FACE ECONOMY AXE

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

A PACKAGE of sweeping reforms in social security benefits is to be announced by the Government in a Green Paper shortly after Easter. They will not only simplify the complex web of 30 existing benefits, but will cut the £40 billion cost of benefits now consuming nearly one-third of all public expenditure.

Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, has drawn up the outlines after conferring for 10 days at the Wilton Park conference centre, Sussex, with other social security Ministers and members of the review teams appointed last year to examine welfare benefits.

The package will now be put to the rest of the Government, and the shape of the Green Paper will only emerge after discussions in Cabinet.

The most controversial measure under discussion is abolition of the State earnings-related pension scheme at an estimated saving of £20 billion, at present prices, by the year 2030.

The scheme was introduced by the Labour government in 1978 and will pay employees, in addition to the basic state pension, an extra pension related to their best 20 earning years.

It will not reach maturity until the turn of the century when Ministers fear it will become increasingly costly to finance.

Boom in pensioners

This is because the number of contributors — those in work paying National Insurance — will rise only marginally from 21 million now to 22 million in 2025.

But the number of pensioners claiming the higher payments will jump from 9 million to well over 12 million over the same period.

Any Cabinet decision to abolish the scheme will provoke a furious reaction from the Labour party and from the unions, although the 950,000 people who are already benefiting from the scheme will continue to receive their pensions.

If the scheme is abolished it will be up to individuals to enter an occupational scheme or make private arrangements.

If they choose to use their spare cash in other ways it will be on the understanding that when they come to retire their only entitlement will be the basic state pension.

Mr Fowler would like to see some of the savings used from abolition of earnings-related pensions used to improve other parts of the social security system, but it is not yet clear whether he will win Treasury acceptance of this ideal.

A number of other changes in social security payments are also being put to the Cabinet. The one-known to command Mrs Thatcher's sympathy is withdrawal of supplementary benefit *from 16 to 18 year olds.*

They will then be left with the choice of remaining at school or taking up a place on a Government training scheme.

The Cabinet is also thought likely to approve a simplification of the supplementary benefit scheme by withdrawing special payments for items such as heating, diet, furniture and laundry.

The benefit would also be restructured so that different rates are paid to different groups like single parents, couples, the disabled and pensioners.

More for poor

More controversial are proposed changes in the £6·85 a week child benefit at present received by all 7 million parents, irrespective of need.

The solution most likely to be favoured by the Cabinet is that the amount will be increased for poor families but the benefit will gradually reduce as income increases so that better-off parents receive nothing.

Changes are also expected to be agreed in housing benefit, one of the most costly benefits and one which is received by some recipients earning as much as £10,000 a year.

Miss Valerie Pearlman, 48, a Crown Court recorder since 1982, who has been married for 12 years, being helped by her children Jonathan and Rachel at the House of Lords where she was sworn in as a Circuit Court judge yesterday. She has been assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Jail AIDS guidelines prepared

Daily Telegraph Reporter

THE Home Office is urgently preparing guidelines for dealing with AIDS cases in the prison service, a spokesman said yesterday. It is hoped to issue them soon.

The statement came on a day a prisoner in Camp Hill jail on the Isle of Wight was transferred to Southampton General hospital for tests for suspected AIDS.

It will be a few days before tests verify whether he has contracted it. He arrived from Wormwood Scrubs with other prisoners on Wednesday and doctors giving him a routine medical examination on admission to Camp Hill were alerted by symptoms he displayed.

He was immediately put into isolation, but the local Prison Officers' Association expressed concern for their members who had searched the man and came into bodily contact with him before his tests.

The authorities at Camp Hill have sought to reassure staff that they are unlikely to have been at risk. A Home Office spokesman said yesterday: "This fact is endorsed by experience in the American prison system where considerable numbers of AIDS sufferers are held."

Train crash driver's lost 45 seconds

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

FORTY-FIVE seconds of amnesia in a top British Rail driver caused the Wembley train crash and brings into question the keystone of railway safety measures, a public inquiry was told in London yesterday.

Major Charles Rose, Chief Inspector of Railways, said Mr Ronald Armstrong took a Euston to Bletchley commuter train past signals at yellow and red, cancelling automatic equipment set to apply brakes.

Three passengers died when the train collided side-on with a Freightliner leaving a siding to join the same line last October 11.

Mr Armstrong, who joined the railways aged 14 in 1936, said he was on the local train because the Advance Passenger Train run to Glasgow had been cancelled.

He told how he had suffered "flashing lights before the eyes" and dizziness after being put on drugs after a serious fall a few months earlier when the left ladder at his Leighton Buzzard home collapsed soon after his annual BR medical check-up.

He saw several doctors before returning to work in September. But he again had "flashing lights" in his eyes the day before the train crash.

Yellow signal

Mr Armstrong gave Major Rose detailed evidence of all signals on his journey until he approached Wembley, where he saw one signal at double-yellow and the next at yellow. He could not see the one beyond that, but it was likely to have been at red.

He remembered nothing more until "brought back to life" by the horn of the audible warning system in his cab.

The system, known as the AWS, rings a bell in the cab if a signal is green but sounds a horn for signals at warning or danger. Brakes are applied in 2½ seconds if the horn is not acknowledged.

"I more or less panicked," said Mr Armstrong. He made an emergency braking and saw the Freightliner moving alongside.

Mr Armstrong said he had not misread signals on the fast line for those on his own slow track. He had not fallen asleep or been day-dreaming.

Major Rose said Mr Armstrong had driven very accurately until that time, with his detailed recollection of every pre-Wembley signal corresponding with BR records.

The question to which he must give much thought and make recommendations to government was whether a still more sophisticated fail-safe system was needed, or if the incident was so rare the system could continue.

"I must examine what can be done to stop even the most remote chance of it happening again," Major Rose said.

Dr Robert Dickerson, chief medical officer of BR, said Mr Armstrong had undergone very detailed examinations but the cause of the short spell of amnesia was a mystery.

TRAINS DIVERTED

Trains between London and the West Country will be diverted tomorrow because of engineering work on a canal bridge west of Newbury. Other weekend work will affect services between Exeter and Newton Abbot, Cardiff and Hereford, Oxford and Worcester, and Swansea, Carmarthen and Milford Haven.

'JITTERY CABINET NEEDS TAX CUTS'

By Our Political Staff

Mr Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, last night claimed that the Government would have to introduce its promised tax cuts in next months Budget in order to stem its decline in popularity.

He suggested that Mr Lawson, Chancellor, now had no alternative if he wished to rescue his "tattered reputation."

NEW-FACE LIST DOWN TO 94

By GRAHAM JONES

A TOTAL of 94 "new faces" appeared at pits yesterday, bringing the number of NUM members ending their strike this week to 2,098, plus 77 clerical workers.

Yesterday's returns were little more than half last Friday's total of 175, and the previous Friday's figure of 170.

But a Coal Board spokesman claimed that 94 was still encouraging in view of the weather.

More than 85,000, or 46 per cent., of the current 186,064 NUM membership are now working, says the Board. If no settlement is reached, more than 50 per cent. are expected to have returned by the end of next month, just after the first anniversary of the strike.

Yesterday the Western Area set a new 24-hour record for men at work, with a turnout of 11,995 NUM members or 85 per cent. of the normal workforce in Lancashire, Staffordshire, North Wales and Cumbria.

Wales solid

The week's biggest return to work has been in the North-East, with 930 men going back. Just under 35 per cent. of miners are now working in what was, until November, one of the most solid striking areas.

That contrasts strongly with South Wales, where still only a handful are prepared to cross picket lines—413 are now at work out of 19,600.

The 51 "new faces" at North-East pits yesterday was a Friday record, and mean that 16,854 NUM members have given up the strike this year. The figure is 33,722 since Nov. 1.

The Coal Board says there are men working now at all but six pits, all in South Wales. Coal is being produced at 80 collieries and last week's output was 746,000 tonnes.

	New faces	Total working	Workforce
Yorks	12	7,037	49,500
Scotland	14	4,936	12,400
North East	51	7,650	22,053
N. Derbys.	21	7,905	10,800
Notts	1	25,730	27,000
S. Midlands	0	9,337	9,740
Kent	0	164	2,114
Western	15	11,995	14,200
S. Wales	2	413	19,600

COAL BLOCKADE RULING LIKELY ON MONDAY

By Our Industrial Staff

An application for an injunction to end a union blockade of coal shipments from Tyneside to the South-East was adjourned in the High Court yesterday. Mr Justice Staughton is expected to give his ruling on Monday.

Stephenson Clarke, who made the application, have three vessels stranded by the National Union of Seamen and others. The ships are on charter to the Central Electricity Generating Board to supply Thamesside power stations.

The union leaders at Jarrow and Blyth, where two vessels are berthed are Coal Board employees but it has made no legal moves to force them to work normally. At Blyth West, where the third ship lies, the men are employed by British Rail.

CARPET JOBS GO

Falling sales have cost more than 50 jobs at Quayle Carpets, of Wilden, Stourport, Worcestershire, which has gone into liquidation.

10 pc of NUM's assets swallowed by legal battles

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

ALMOST 10 per cent. of the NUM's total assets has been absorbed in contempt of court proceedings and fighting other legal battles arising out of the pit strike.

The union's assets are estimated at £9 million.

Costs of the sequestration, receivership and contempt fines have been put at nearly £800,000 with the sequestrators' costs now estimated between £300,000 and £500,000 and those of the receiver approaching £150,000.

Mr Justice Nicholls is to give judgment in the High Court on Monday on an application by the receiver to yesterday have the sequestration of the union's funds discharged or suspended.

He has been asked to decide whether the sequestrators, whom he appointed last October after the union had failed to pay a £200,000 fine for contempt of court, should continue in office now that the fine has been paid, but union leaders have failed to purge their contempt.

Counsel for the receiver, Mr Michael Arnold, who was appointed later in a separate action before another Chancery Division judge, said he wanted the sequestration order discharged or stayed to save further costs to union funds.

Innocent miners

While not seeking to excuse the past or continuing contempt of the union's leaders, those individuals should be made personally accountable for their actions and not allowed to "visit the consequences" on union funds in which many innocent miners had an interest, said Mr Peter Cresswell, Q C.

Although Mr Cresswell stressed that here was "nothing adversarial" about the application with both the receiver and the sequestrators being officers of the court, the case brought into the open a marked divergence of view on what should happen to union assets recovered by the receiver or the sequestrators.

It is the rst time that sequestrators and a receiver have been appointed at the same time to take control of a union's assets and the judge has been asked to give a clear ruling on the sequestrators' claim that any funds coming into the hands of the receiver must be held to their order.

In contrast Mr Arnold and his lawyers have argued that they are not a mere conduit for the sequestrators.

During yesterday's hearing it was disclosed that £4 million of the £4·9 million of the NUM's money that the receiver recovered from a bank in Luxembourg at the end of last month was not freely available to the receiver because it was backing an indemnity given by English insurers.

'Certain party'

The indemnity would be released on acknowledgement by the former trustees of the NUM and the former signatories of the NUM's account in Luxembourg that they have no claim against "a certain foreign party," said Mr Cresswell.

While he did not go into further detail, he was thought to be referring to guarantees given to the Luxembourg bank, Nobis Finanz International, or its parent West German company, before the money was transferred back to Britain.

Mr Cresswell described as "nonsense" a recent suggestion by an NUM-sponsored Labour Euro MP, Mr Norman West, in Strasbourg that Mr Arnold had not brought back the £4·9 million of the union's assets within the jurisdiction of the English courts.

Mr Arnol dwas appointed receiver of the union's assets last December after Mr Justice Mervyn Davies had ruled that Mr Scargill, the union's president, Mr McGahey, its vice-president, and Mr Heathfield, its general secretary, were not "fit persons" to continue as truestees.

Since the £4·9 million was recovered from Luxembourg both the receiver and the sequestrators have asked a High Court judge in Dublin to allow the return to Britain of a further £2,700,000 of the union's asests that have been frozen in an Irish bank since November.

Specific direction

Judgment in that case has been reserved.

Applying for the sequestration to be discharged or stayed, Mr Cresswell told Mr Justice Nicholls yesterday that the receiver's application was at the specific direction of Mr Justice Mervyn Davies who appointed him.

The receiver's concern was to preserve the assets of the union and he felt that enough expense had already fallen on the union's funds in which "so many miners who were innocent of contempt are interested."

He acknowledged that there had been serious contempt by union leaders in ignoring orders of Mr Justice Nicholls and Mr Justic Mervyn Davies.

But in his submission the individuals responsible for the serious contempts should be "made accountable for their actions" and "not allowed to visit the consequences of their actions on the funds of the union."

Mr Cresswell said the receiver would be considering with Mr Justice Mervyn Davies what steps should be taken in relation to contempt of his order on Dec. 7 last year when union leaders were ordered to facilitate the handling over of assets to the receiver.

The results of these contempts had been to impose "enormous" further expense on the funds of the union by the legal action that had to be taken abroad.

Mr Cresswell disclosed that in a private application before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies earlier this month, the judge had directed that from the £4,608,586 under the receiver's control, £400,000 should be retained as provision towards the proper costs and expenses of the sequestrators.

Another £190,000 should be retained to cover the costs of the receiver.

Although the receiver was not in the position to purge the union's contempt, by paying the fine and making provision for the sequestrator's costs, he had taken all the steps within his power to comply with the sequestration order. If the order was now discharged or stayed, it would seem by the public to have been effective.

As a trustee, the receiver was plainly concerned to preserve the union's assets for the benefit of all miners, the vast majority of whom were innocent of any contempt. The funds were the product of contributions from working miners—but because of contempts by the union leaders, the funds were being subjected to serious loss.

Contempt was being committed by "a limited number of specific individuals" who were determined to defy the law. They should be the ones to pay the penalties and the trust funds should not be allowed to suffer further.

Mr Cresswell added that the receiver wanted to "make it absolutely plain" that it was no part of his application to "let off the hook individuals who have been responsible for contempt of this court."

More difficult

If the sequestration order stood alone, the prospect of recovering th union's assets might encourage the union leaders to purge their contempt. But in the present case, the appointment of a receiver meant that the union leaders had no immediate prospect of recovering control.

The doubling-up of work by the receiver and sequestrators was increasing the already considerable costs The continued existence of the sequstration order also made it more difficult and more expensive for the receiver to recover assets of the union abroad.

In one country, which he did not name, it had been indicated to the receiver that if there was no sequestration he could recover funds without having to bring any court action.

Mr Cresswell also disclosed that the receiver was considering taking proceedings against certain English banks on grounds that they had committed breaches of trust resulting in loss of funds when the assets were transferred abroad.

Appearing for the sequestrators, Mr Howard Page said the writ of sequestration made it quite clear that not only had the fine to be paid but the contempt purge before the sequestration could be discharged.

The receiver acknowledged that he could not purge the contempt. This would involve those with day-to-day control of the union's affairs coming to court.

He also questioned the timing of the receiver's application. If the application was to succeed, the sequestrator's "labours" before the High Court in Dublin would be "set at nought" before the judgment of the Dublin court had been given.

Since the original contempts which led to the sequestration, nothing had occurred to ameliorate the contempt of the union before the courts. There had been continuing contempts manifested by the difficulties in obtaining recovery of the funds sent abroad.

POLICE CHIEF WINS RULING ON RETIREMENT

Mr Alfred Parrish, Chief Constable of Derbyshire, was yesterday given the go ahead in the High Court to seek his retirement from the force. Although three doctors have said Mr Parish is disabled, the local police authority, Derbyshire county council, has refused to hear his application to retire.

Mr Parrish has been suspended from his post pending disciplinary proceedings, and his counsel, Mr Anthony Scrivener, Q C, said the authority feared his retirement would "thwart" these proceedings.

Mr Justice Kennedy gave Mr Parrish, of Broadway, Duffield, leave to seek judicial review of the authority's refusal to hear the case, and said the hearing should be within the next month.

SOCK JOBS LOST

Up to 86 workers are to be made redundant at Leabrooks Hosiery, Riddings, Derbyshire, which is transferring sock production to a plent at Shepshed, Leicestershire.

Race to beat milk quota deadline

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent

DAIRY farmers appear to be fighting a losing battle against time to produce enough milk to meet the full Common Market quotas they have been allocated.

Over the next seven weeks, the 39,300 dairy farmers in England and Wales have to produce an extra 222 million litres (nearly 49 million gallons), the Milk Marketing Board said yesterday.

"It is becoming increasingly unlikely as each week goes by that dairy farmers will reach the quota target," a Board spokesman said last night.

To meet the quota ceiling by the end of March, output will have to be some seven per cent. above production in the same period last year. It is currently running at two per cent. below last year.

It was the prolonged drought during last year's heatwave summer, rather than the present Arctic conditions, that did the damage—allied to a panic outback by many dairy farmers who slaughtered surplus cows while a few even poured milk away.

Quota curbs on milk production throughout the Common Market were introduced last April by EEC Agriculture Ministers to put a brake on the runaway costs and ever-increasing size of the dairy surpluses.

In Britain, this meant a cut of 6·2 per cent. on 1983 milk production, equal to more than 1,000,000 metric tons or 1,000 million litres (220 million gallons) of milk. A penal "super-levy" is imposed on excess output, to make it uneconomic.

FOOD LABELS

Fat to be specified

Food sold in Britain is to be labelled both with total fat content, and the specific type of fat, Mr C. A. Cockbill, of the Ministry of Agriculture's food standards division, told the technologists' conference of the Cake and Biscuit Alliance, in London yesterday.

A Ministerial announcement was imminent on how the Government intended to implement last July's recommendation of its Committee on the Medical Aspects of Food Policy, he said.

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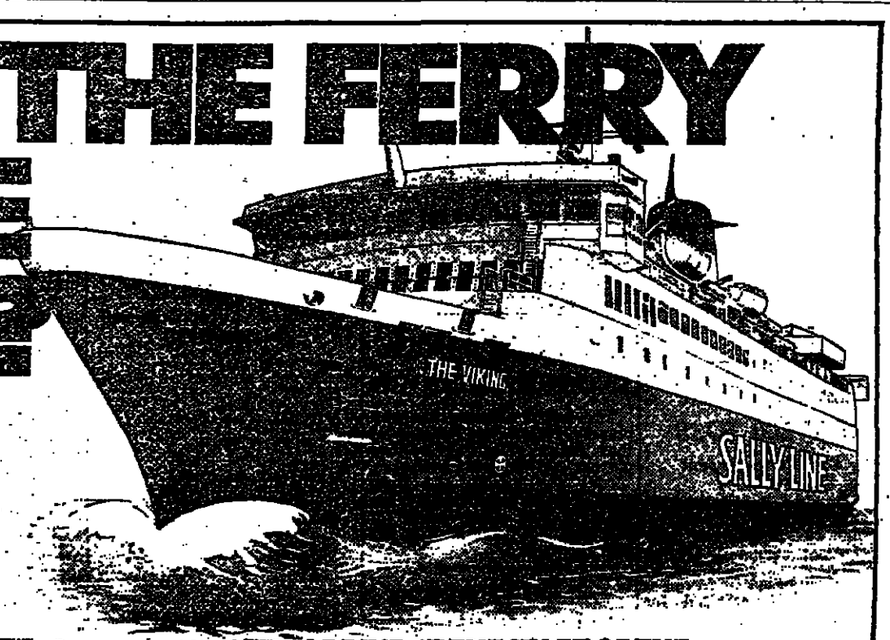

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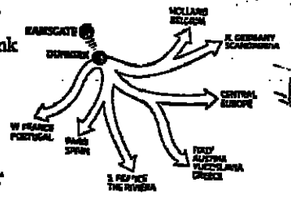

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Sir Steuart's ordeal: 'I drove off ... the car blew up'

MY LEG WAS A MESS–MY FOOT IN MY LAP

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

AN Old Bailey jury yesterday listened to the words of Sir STEUART PRINGLE, former Commandant General of the Royal Marines, describing the morning he drove off from his suburban home to go to the building society—and had his leg blown off by an I R A bomb.

The two Belfast men accused of trying to kill him sat impassively in the dock while a statement from Sir Steuart was read out, re-living the horrific Saturday morning in October 1981 when the I R A's autumn terror campaign left him maimed on a street in West Dulwich.

He had got up at 7 a.m. and before his batman arrived, he recalled.

After breakfast he went out to the family's Volkswagen Passat, intending to take money to the building society.

"I didn't notice anything unusual when I got into the car. I put my dog Bella in the back.

"Very soon after I started the car I felt it going over to the left, and the windscreen shattered. I was at the time moving into a line of traffic to travel south.

'I saw my legs moving'

"I heard a roar and saw my legs moving towards the near-side of the car. Then I heard the sound of falling bits and pieces, then silence.

"After about two seconds I heard someone shout: 'It's a bomb. I couldn't see what had happened to my legs at the time.

"I never lost consciousness. I didn't see any smoke or smell anything. I remember calling out to people to stay away from the car as there may have been a second bomb, but I was also aware I needed urgent medical care.

"Bella barked and was still in the back. I looked at my fingers. They were very messy."

Sir Steuart said he found that his head and shoulders were against the driver's door, and his left leg was in the well of the passenger seat.

'I wasn't going to die'

"I saw my right leg was a mess. My right foot and shoe were on top of my lap. I knew I was badly injured but I wasn't going to die," said the statement, read out by Mr ROY AMLOT, prosecuting.

Sir Steuart said the shock-waves travelled up his leg but no further. He felt cold before the ambulance services cut him out of the car.

"I had little pain, no doubts about surviving. I remember telling Simon [his son] that he was to look after his mother and he was to get away from the car and to call the colonel through the MoD duty officer."

At King's College Hospital his foot was found to be attached by a few soft tissues only. His right leg had to be amputated below the knee.

The bomb had been clamped by a magnet under the offside front wheel-arch. Mr PETER GURNEY, a Scotland Yard explosives expert, found that the blast was concentrated between the engine compartment and the driver's seat area.

The Volkswagen's bonnet was found on the roof of a two-storey house 60ft away.

On weekdays he was driven

Sir Steuart — "Someone shouted: 'It's a bomb!'

to his office in the staff car. The Passat was only used by his wife once or twice a week for shopping.

THOMAS QUIGLEY and PAUL KAVANAGH, both 28, are accused of belonging to a Provisional I R A unit which tried to kill Sir Stewart, and planted the bombs which killed explosives officer Mr Kenneth Howarth in an Oxford Street Wimpy bar and two bystanders near Chelsea barracks.

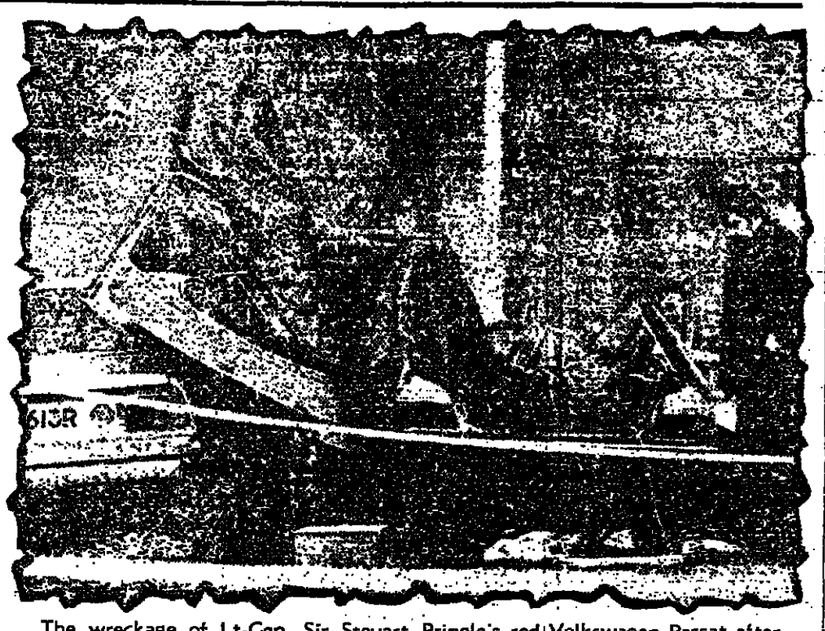
They deny three charges of murder, of Sir Steuart's attempted murder, and possessing explosives and guns.

'I wish he had told me'

Sir Steuart's statement said he had been told that his staff driver had told police he believed the commandant's official car had been followed on a couple of occasions before the bombing.

"This would have been something I would have hoped he would have told me," said Sir Steuart, who commanded 45 Commando in Ulster from from 1971 to February 1973. "I normally read in the car, so I would not have been aware of anything."

Three days before the bombing Sir Steuart said, his batman had pointed out a man in a parked car who had been watching them quite openly. "The man had an Arab appearance."



The wreckage of Lt-Gen. Sir Steuart Pringle's red Volkswagen Passat after the explosion in Oct. 1981.

Deadly trap that killed expert

THE bomb which killed the explosives expert Kenneth Howarth was probably booby-trapped so that it blew up the moment he moved it, the jury heard.

It incorporated an anti-handling device not seen before in mainland Britain, said Mr DOUGLAS HIGGS, former head of the forensic explosives section of the Royal Armaments Research and Development Establishment at Woolwich.

Mr Howarth, 49, was blown up in a basement lavatory of Wimpy's in Oxford Street on Oct. 26, 1981.

Mr Higgs said that among the debris was found the remains of a micro-switch.

"We have never seen this particular arrangement on the mainland to my knowledge in the last 10 years. However, in Northern Ireland in their forensic laboratory I have seen this, and they have been known to have been used there."

"The moment the box is moved the micro-switch is released, the circuit is completed, and assuming that the other parts of the firing device are in electrical continuity, the explosion takes place."

In addition to an upwards movement, a slight sideways movement could also trigger off an explosion.

"We are talking here about only a fraction of an inch movement for it to actuate," he said.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

ROBBERY WIDOW LOSES CLAIM

By Our Belfast Correspondent

Mrs Sylvia Hewitson, whose husband was shot dead as they staged an armed raid on an isolated farmhouse in Co. Antrim four years ago, has failed in her legal claim against the refusal of the Prudential Assurance Company to pay out on his £61,000 life insurance policy.

Mr Justice Murray said in Belfast High Court yesterday: "If the claim were to succeed it could encourage more armed robberies." Mrs Hewitson, 25, of Portadown, Co. Armagh, stood to receive an £11,000 lump sum plus £2,000 a year from 1981 until 2005.

TRIMBOLE 'ON WAY TO SPAIN'

ROBERT TRIMBOLE, wanted in Australia on a murder charge, was reported to have slipped out of Ireland yesterday just hours before the Irish Attorney General's office began an appeal against a High Court order which resulted in his freedom last week.

As the appeal got under way in the Supreme Court, sources at the Australian Embassy in Dublin said that Trimbole, 53, had left the previous night. One official said: "We're convinced he is trying to make his way to Spain.

Embassy staff have been kept informed of his movements since his release from Mountjoy Prison on Feb. 6. Sources suggested that he stayed at a central Dublin hotel and that his son Craig, 23, flew in from Australia. His common-law wife, Ann Marie Presland, and his daughter Glenda, 26, were in Dublin until Wednesday.

Judgment reserved

In yesterday's hearing, State counsel Mr T. K. LISTON asked five Supreme Court judges to set aside the High Court ruling that Trimbole was illegally arrested. He also sought to prove the validity of a separate court order that Trimbole remain in custody pending his extradition.

The Supreme Court reserved its judgment.

Trimbole has been on the run since 1981, and the Australian authorities want him extradited on charges alleging murder, conspiracy to murder and drugs trafficking. A valid warrant for his extradition is also under appeal.

'Goldfinger' goes into hiding at end of holiday

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

JOHN PALMER, the man dubbed Goldfinger after his West Country mansion was raided by detectives investigating the £26 million Brinks-Mat bullion robbery was last night in hiding in the Canary Islands.

The 38-year-old goldsmith had been booked to fly home at the end of a three-week holiday.

Instead he slipped out of his package tour hotel, helped by friends.

'I'm staying here'

Earlier, sipping a brandy in the foyer of the four star Hotel Troya Park, Mr Palmer said: "At the moment I'm staying here.

"I am not going to say why I'm not going home. But for the moment I'm staying here. My wife and the children are also staying."

Only days after Mr Palmer arrived in the Tenerife resort of Playa de las Americas, with wife, Marnie, 36, and their two young daughters, armed detectives raided his Georgian home, Battlefields, near Bilton, Bath.

The raid was one of a series following the murder of an undercover officer from Scotland Yard's C11 crime intelligence unit, who was investigating the Brinks-Mat robbery.

As police searched his home, Mr Palmer claimed he was innocent of any connection with the Brinks-Mat case. But said he would not return to Britain, if his lawyer advised him not to do so.

Yesterday he claimed he had been in touch with British police. "I am in contact with Scotland Yard—with an officer from C11," he said.

During their stay in Tenerife, the family rarely strayed from the four-star hotel with its inviting baths and buffet.

The hotel's switchboard operator said Mr Palmer had received hundreds of calls, including some from Switzerland and West Germany, during his stay. "But he never made any calls out," she said.

94 REDUNDANCIES

Dart Springs, of West Bromwich, once the largest makers of springs for the car industry, has told its 325 workers at the Overend Street plant that 94 jobs must go to make the firm more competitive.

Vigilante neighbours trap scared burglars

ANGRY residents formed an armed vigilante group when burglars raided a neighbour's home.

They surrounded the house and challenged the burglars to come out and face them, Mr DAVID WATERS, prosecuting, said at the Old Bailey yesterday.

But the three raiders were so terrified they refused to leave until a strong force of police arrived to protect them from the neighbours' fury. One of them hid in the loft.

Mr Recorder JOHN WRIGHT, QC, said: "No doubt they thought they were all going to get roughed up."

He told the three burglars: "You have only yourselves to blame that you got a very serious fright."

Punch on nose

One burglar, ANDREW SUMMERS, 20, got a punch on the nose from an angry woman as he was escorted from the house.

He said after the trial: "She was perfectly justified to do so, but we were terribly frightened when we saw them outside, and have all learned our lesson."

Summers, of The Crescent, New Malden, and DAVID NEWTON, 20, of Earle Gardens, Kingston, were each sentenced to 140 hours community service; and JAMES PAGE, 22, of Beaufort Road, Kingston, was put on probation for two years

They admitted two burglaries, the last at the home of Mr Robert Clark, 41, a taxi driver, and his wife Grace, 37, at Laburnum Grove New Malden, when arrested in July.

Mr WATERS said the Clarks came home to find their television and video stacked in the hall and crept away to rouse their neighbours.

The dozen vigilantes armed themselves with sticks and brooms and rushed to the house to trap the raiders inside.

The judge said the courts were "sick and tired" of burglars causing damage in people's homes and stealing.

R A F BANDSMEN MOURNED BY VILLAGERS

By Our Correspondent in Bad Kohlgrub

Villagers packed a Bavarian church yesterday to mourn the 19 bandsmen of R A F Germany who died when their bus burst into flames in an autobahn collision north of Munich on Monday.

The bandsmen were bound for the Bavarian mountain spa and ski resort of Bad Kohlgrub to take part in celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the R A F Winter Survival School there.

The anniversary ceremony went ahead yesterday in low key, and a memorial mass in the village's fine baroque church replaced the planned concert. It was also attended by an R A F contingent, headed by Air Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, C-in-C, R A F Germany.

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Sunday 17 Feb 7.15 pm	MUSIQUE PASTORALE Michael Muskett (dir) Tracey Chadwell (sop) Handel & the French Court Aubert Concert; Vivaldi Sonata, Il Pastor Fido; Clerambault Cantata 'Orfee'; Handel Firework Music (1749 wind band version on original instruments). £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 Michael Muskett
Monday 18 Feb 7.45 pm	THE FIRES OF LONDON Music Ensemble Chorus Howard Williams (cond) Stephen Pruslin (pno) Purcell/Maxwell Davies Fantasy on One Note; Fantasy & 2 Pavans; Richard Emsley ... from swerve of shore to bend of bay ... (1st pf); Elliott Carter Night Fantasies, wks by Maxwell Davies. £1.50, £2.50, £3, £4, £5 The Fires of London
Tuesday 19 Feb 7.45 pm	BORODIN STRING QUARTET Beethoven Quartet in A minor, Op.132; Shostakovich Quartet No.15 in E flat minor, Op.144. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 Van Walsum Management
Wednesday 20 Feb 7.45 pm	Handel's 300th Anniversary Concert LONDON SOLOISTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA and Collegiate Singers. David Josefowitz, Christopher Bowers-Broadbent, Nicholas Daniel, Imogen Barford. Handel Music for the Royal Fireworks; Organ Conc. Op.4/4; Oboe Conc No.3; Harp Conc. Op.4/6; Two Coronation Anthems. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 London Soloists Chamber Orchestra
Thursday 21 Feb 7.45 pm	NORMA FISHER (piano) Beethoven Sonata in C, Op.53 (Waldstein); Schubert Four Impromptus, D.899; Scriabin Sonata No.1 in F minor, Op.6; Scriabin Eight Studies, Op.42. £2.00, £4.00 Gilder Bonello Management
Friday 22 Feb 7.45 pm	CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA St. Margaret's Singers Richard Hickox (cond) Patrizia Kwella, Catherine Denley, Martyn Hill, John Graham Hall, Stephen Roberts, Stephen Varcoe. Bach St. John Passion. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 City of London Sinfonia Ltd
Sunday 24 Feb 3.00 pm	FOU TS'ONG (piano) Beethoven Sonata, Op.13 (Pathétique); Mozart Sonata in F, K.533 and K.494; Chopin Contredanse in G flat; Cantabile in B flat; Albumblatt in E; Largo in E flat; Fugue in A min; Souvenir de Paganini in A, Ballades Nos.2 & 4; 2 Nocturnes Op 48 £1.50, £2.50, £3, £4, £5 Intermusica Artists Mgt
Monday 25 Feb 7.45 pm	CHARLES RAMIREZ (guitar) HELEN KALAMUNIAK (guitar) Programme includes: Rodrigo Tonadilla; Bach Partita (French Overture); Ravel Pavane and music by Granados and Debussy. £2.50, £3.00, £3.50, £4.00 Schmaltz Productions
Tuesday 26 Feb 7.45 pm	THE PEKINEL SISTERS (two pianos) Brahms Four Waltzes, Op.39; Brahms Two Hungarian Dances, Nos.17 and 21; Rachmaninov Suite No.2, Op.17; Ravel La Valse; Stravinsky Le Sacre du printemps. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 Anglo-Swiss Artists' Management
Wednesday 27 Feb 7.45 pm	ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS Kenneth Sillito (dir) Michala Petri (recorder) Handel Concerto Grosso, Op.6/6; Telemann Suite in A min for recorder & orch; Rossini Sonata No.1; Vivaldi Recorder Concerto in C; Suk Serenade for string orch, Op.6. £2.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 (only) Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Thursday 28 Feb 7.45 pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Mitsuko Uchida (director/piano) English Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble Mozart Piano Concerto in C, K.467; Mozart Wind Serenade in C minor, K.388; Mozart Piano Concerto in A, K.488. £2.50, £4.50 (only) E.C.O. & Music Society Ltd
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Friday 1 March 7.45 pm	DANIEL VARSANO (piano) Schumann Arabesque; Schumann Sonata in F sharp minor, Op.11; Franck Prelude, Chorale and Fugue; Chopin Nocturne in D flat; Chopin Scherzo No.1 in B minor. £1.50, £2.50, £3, £4, £5 Grapevine Concert Management

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Saturday 16 Feb 3 pm & 7.30 pm	DAVID WARD (speaker/piano) 3 pm Listening: its Importance in the Development of Young Children (with a group of 3-5 yr olds) 7.30 pm A recital of piano music by Mozart with readings from his letters. In aid of the N.S.P.C.C. Aft. pf. SOLD OUT. Eve. pf. £2, £3, (only) Montessori Society AMI
Sunday 17 Feb 7.30 pm	CATHERINE FOSTER (sop) COLIN HALLEY (clarinet) GORDON KIRKWOOD (piano) Schubert Der Hirt auf dem Felsen; Brahms 3 Songs; Schumann Fantasiestucke, Op.73; Poulenc Sonata for cl & pno; Dvorak Zigeunerlieder; wks by Kalliwoda, Meyerbeer & Scottish Songs. £2.50 Eliot B Levin
Monday 18 Feb 3.00 pm	MATTHIAS ZIMMERMANN (piano) Beethoven Sonata in D minor, Op.31 No.2 (Tempest); Sonata in E, Op.109; Chopin Fantaisie in F minor, Op.49; Liszt Apres une lecture du Dante (Années de pèlerinage). £2.50, £3.50 John Higham International Artists Ltd
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Wednesday 20 Feb 7.30 pm	THE SCHUBERT TRIO Mozart Piano Trio in G, K.564; Shostakovich Piano Trio in E minor, Op.67; Schubert Piano Trio in B flat, K.898. £2.00, £3.50, £5.00 Music & Arts (Promotions)
Thursday 21 Feb 7.30 pm	TAY CHENG JIM (counter-tenor) Timothy Barratt (piano) The programme includes: Gluck Recitatives & Arias from Orfeo; & songs by Schubert, Fauré, Reynaldo Hahn, Herbert Howells, Frank Bridge and John Ireland. £2.00, £3.50, £5.00 Norman McCann International Artists

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Thursday 28 February at 7.30
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Clarke .... TRUMPET VOLUNTARY
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Soloist: NIGEL KENNEDY
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Tomorrow 17 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	THE CONSORT OF MUSICKE Anthony Rooley dir. £4·50, £3·50, £2·50, £2 Early Music & Bar Series Francesca McManus Mgt	Concerto delle donne: 100 years of music from the special repertoire for the three famous ladies of Ferrara, from 1580 to the extended madrigal for high voices by Alessandro Scarlatti
Monday 18 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	Debut Recital LEONORA CARNEY piano £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80	Brahms: Scherzo in E flat minor Op 4, Variations on an original Theme Op 21 No 1; Schumann: Allegro in B minor Op 8; Scriabin: Sonata Op 6 No 1; Granados: Allegro de Concierto
Tuesday 19 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	CHRISTOPHE COIN baroque violoncello £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80 Peter Biddulph/Jane Gray	JS Bach: Suite No 1 in G BWV1007, Suite No 5 in C minor BWV1011, Suite No 6 in D BWV1012 Early Music & Baroque Series
Wednesday 20 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PETER KATIN piano £5, £4, £3, £3 Musygale Mgt	Liszt Programme: Sonata in B min 'Annees de Pelerinage Bk 2' 'Italy' Sposalizio, Il Penseroso, Canzonetta del Salvator Rosa, Petrarch Sonnets 47, 104, 123; Dante Sonata
Thursday 21 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	DAVID MASON fortepiano DAVID ROBLOU harpsichord Early Music Network	Sonatas for harpsichord & fortepiano, both solo and for 2 players at 1 keyboard by JC Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and virtuoso pieces for 2 keyboards by Armand-Louis Couperin & Georg Müthel £4·50, £3·50, £2·50, £2
Friday 22 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	TURIBIO SANTOS guitar £4·50, £3·50, £2·50, £3 Helen Jennings Concert Agcy.	Villa-Lobos: Study No 5, Prelude No 1; M Albeniz: Sonata; Mendelssohn: Canzonetta; JS Bach: Chaconne; Gnattali: 5 mbo.; Valse, Choro; Miranda: Appassionata; Kreiger: Prelude (1st London perfs), Ritmata; Gonzaga: 3 Brazilian Dances
Saturday 23 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	BARRY DOUGLAS piano £4·50, £4, £3, £2 Ibbs & Tillett Ltd	Beethoven: Sonata in A flat Op 110; Chopin: Ballade in F Op 38, Nocturne in E min Op 72 No 1, Scherzo in C sharp min No. 39; Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition

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Tomorrow 17 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	THE PARLEY OF INSTRUMENTS. Ian Partridge ten. Roy Goodman, Peter Holman dirs. Corbett: Concerto Grosso. Handel: English Cantatas Venus and Adonis & Look down harmonious Saint; Three English Songs. Stanley: Concerto Grosso in D op2/1. £4, £3, £2. *Parley of Instruments*
Monday 18 Feb. 1 p.m.	BBC LUNCHTIME CONCERT. MELOS QUARTET OF STUTTGART. Beethoven: Quartet No. 11 in F minor op95. Hindemith: Quartet No. 2. £1·70. *Jane Gray*
Wednesday 20 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	A FRENCH EVENING. Poulenc: Les Animaux modeles. Ravel: Piano Concerto for the left hand. Koechlin: Charlie Chaplin (from Seven Stars) (1st UK perf.). Debussy: La Mer (1904). Adrian Leaper cond. Amanda Hurton piano. YMSO. £5, £4, £2·50 (£2 NUS, OAPs & UB40s). *YMSO Society*
Friday 22 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	ARION ORCHESTRA. Brian Staff conductor. Heather Harrison cello. Beethoven: Overture: Egmont. Elgar: Cello Concerto Op.85. Sibelius: Symphony No. 2. £4, £3, £2. *Arion Orchestra of Reading*
Saturday 23 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	THE ENGLISH CONCERT. Trevor Pinnock dir/organ. HANDEL 300th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT. Sinfonia from Athalia, Grand Cto op 6 No. 2, Organ Cto in B flat. Water Music Suite in G. Bach: Suite No. 1, Brandenburg Cto No. 3. £6·50, £5·50, £4·50, £3·50, £2·50 *PEC Concerts Ltd.*
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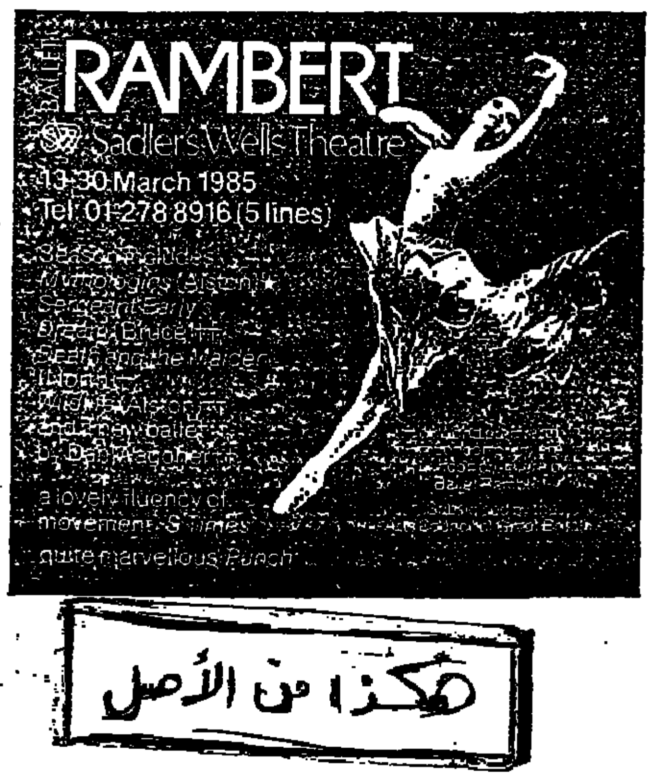

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MoD WARNS PONTING OVER SPEECH AND BOOK

By JAMES ALLAN

THE Ministry of Defence is considering disciplinary action against Mr Clive Ponting, the senior civil servant acquitted in the Belgrano secrets case, for appearing on a public platform without previous permission.

Mr Ponting was given a two-minute standing ovation when he arrived to address a public meeting organised by the Campaign for Freedom of Information in London on Thursday evening, only hours after he had been warned by the Defence Ministry against doing so.

Miss Lynne Oliver, 38, a member of Labour-controlled Islington council, who served on the jury which unanimously acquitted Mr Clive Ponting at his Old Bailey trial. She said afterwards: "I did not allow my political views to interfere with my consideration of the case."

Tomorrow he could face further disciplinary measures if the OBSERVER proceeds with its intention to publish a 3.000-word extract from his forthcoming book, "The Right to Know," for which Mr Ponting has not received clearance.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday that they would be deciding on what action, if any, to take later.

It would appear, however, that Mr Ponting has decided to throw caution to the winds despite being reminded on Thursday of his obligations under the Ministry of Defence manual which lays down a code of conduct for departmental employees.

The remainder came from Mr Richard Hastie-Smith, a Deputy Under-Secretary and head of personnel, during discussions on Mr Ponting's future following his clearance at the Old Bailey on Monday of charges brought under Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Ponting, a £23,000-a-year senior civil servant who supplied the Labour M P Tam Dalyell with photocopies of Ministry documents, has had his security clearance withdrawn which means he can no longer work in the Defence Ministry.

He remains on full pay until a decision is taken about possible employment in another Government department.

Code of conduct

Mr John Ward, general secretary of First Division Association of which Mr Ponting is a member, said yesterday that his union would understand if it was felt that should Mr Ponting return to work as a civil servant that both he and the Ministry might feel it preferable for him to work in another department.

"We are very anxious, however, that someone found innocent by a court should not be punished for that alleged offence by being dismissed."

"There is a M O D manual which lays down a code of conduct for M O D staff and that manual requires staff to obtain official permission before they accept any invitation to speak in public or enter into any commitment to publish an article which touches upon their work.

A Ministry spokesman said: "We have noted his appearance on a public platform on a matter of public controversy and we are considering the position.

"As for the OBSERVER article, we will wait and see if the article is published.

"Regarding any article or any appearance on a public platform, he has been reminded, in fact warned, of his obligations which form part of the conditions of service for a civil servant. He was warned as recently as yesterday.

The Ministry spokesman rejected a complaint by Mr Ponting's solicitor, Mr Brian Raymond, that the Ministry was guilty of "an apparent breach of trust" in disclosing that Mr Ponting's security clearance had been withdrawn.

The spokesman said that Mr Ponting's comments to the Press after his 35-minute meeting with Mr Hastie-Smith had suggested he might still have a future in the Ministry of Defence and it was this impression they felt it necessary to correct.

I decided to refer case to DPP, says Ministry man

SIR EWEN BROADBENT, Second Permanent Secretary at the Defence Ministry when Mr Ponting "leaked" information on the Belgrano sinking, said yesterday that he had taken the decision to refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"It was quite clear to me that in the light of what had been stated by him (Mr Ponting), in the light of his seniority and the nature of the subject matter, certainly there was enough of a prima facie case for the D P P to be consulted before we proceeded administratively" said Sir Ewen, who has since retired.

"Once the case was established and it was clear there was a course of action, either action was taken under the Official Secrets Act or action was taken under disciplinary processes.

"The choice between those lay initially with the law officers."

Sir Ewen, speaking on Radio Four's "The World at One," said that when he had told Mr Heseltine, Defence Secretary, of what Mr Ponting appeared to have done, the Minister's first reaction was that he should be prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act.

But, Sir Ewen added: "He said of course that now this was a matter for the law officers." As far as he knew, Mr Heseltine had neither tried to influence the process nor speak to the Prime Minister.

The question of how the decision to prosecute Mr Ponting rather than simply dismiss him was arrived at is one of the central issues of the controversy following his acquittal.

And in Monday's Commons debate Opposition M Ps can be expected to capitalise on Sir Ewen's disclosure that Mr Heseltine favoured prosecution, even if his view was not decisive.

Detailed account

However, Sir Ewen's detailed account of the course of events leading to the decision to prosecute will strengthen the hand of Ministers in arguing that they were quite properly not involved, and also that Mr Ponting was never offered immunity if he resigned.

Sir Ewen began by saying that the Ministry of Defence police officer investigating the Belgrano "leak" had reported to him on Aug. 10 last year that he was interviewing Mr Ponting.

It was agreed that Mr Richard Hastie-Smith, in charge of personnel at the MoD, should see Mr Ponting.

"Various discussions" took place, at the end of which Sir Ewen was informed that Mr Ponting had written out a statement confessing to the "leak."

Reinforcing Mr Hastie-Smith's evidence to the court during the trial, Sir Ewen said that he was not aware of an offer of immunity against prosecution if the culprit confessed and resigned.

He had spoken several times that day to Mr Hastie-Smith and the MoD police's chief inspector and "they certainly assured me when they had his written statement that there was no bargain struck.

"It must be borne in mind," said Sir Ewen, "that at the end of those several days Mr. Ponting must himself have been a worried man: It must have been a period of very great tension for him.

'Offer of resignation'

"He could well have thought in his mind that if he wrote out his statement and an offer of resignation to the department, that could be the end of the matter."

Sir Ewen added that he had himself never discussed the possibility of immunity with Mr Ponting.

At the end of the day, a Friday, he had asked Mr Hastie-Smith to see Mr Ponting off the premises, and "recognised it would be necessary to talk to the D P P."

The director, Sir Thomas Hetherington, had been on holiday and Sir Ewen made an appointment to see him on the Monday morning; Aug. 13.

"I went over to see him," said Sir Ewen. "I told him what had gone on with the investigation by the Ministry of Defence police and he said that in the light of the seniority and the recent precedents, such as Sarah Tisdall, he would want to talk to a law officer."

Later that day he was telephoned by Sir Patrick Mayhew, Solicitor-General, who asked a couple of questions "that made it absolutely clear to me it had been referred to a law officer and their processes were in hand.

"The next thing I did was to go down that afternoon to see Mr Heseltine at his home." The Defence Secretary was going on holiday and Sir Ewen felt it "courteous and correct" to tell him what had happened.

"I told him what had gone on in the investigations by the Ministry of Defence police, what had happened in the way of a confession and what I had done in the way of action within Whitehall.

Mr Heseltine's view, as far as Mr Ponting had been concerned was that "if it were left to him he would like to see action taken under the Official Secrets Act.

"But, he said, of course it was now a matter for the law officers."

Sir Ewen added that he had not told anyone that Mr Heseltine would have liked to see Mr Ponting prosecuted. Nor had the Defence Secretary, to his knowledge, conveyed this view to the Prime Minister: There was no reason why he should have done.

The papers on the case, said Sir Ewen, reached the D P P the next day through his contact with the MoD police, which was of the same nature as his relationship with any other police force.

DRUG SMUGGLER GETS 9 YEARS

The son of a distinguished family from Pakistan was jailed for nine years at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday after he admitted being involved in smuggling heroin worth £500,000 into Britain.

Syed Abbas, 40, from Karachi, whose father was the chief security officer for a former Pakistani president, pleaded guilty to being involved in smuggling drugs through Heathrow in a false-bottomed suitcase.

Old people's home owner cleared

THE owner of an old people's home, MAXWELL TILLINGS, 46, was cleared yesterday of administering drugs to an 84-year-old resident which the prosecution had alleged was intended to confuse her so that she altered her £100,000 will in favour of Tillings and his wife, SYLVIA, 39.

He was also found not guilty at Maidstone Crown Court of the theft of £1,100 from Mrs Norah Kirby at the Cabin Court Lodge home at Westgate, Kent, and acquitted on the judge's direction of attempted theft and deception.

Mrs SYLVIA TILLINGS was found guilty of giving Mrs Kirby Valium and Normyson which had not been prescribed and drawing up a false account for £140 to pay a private nurse to look after another elderly resident, Mrs Ruby Garrard. She was fined a total of £275.

She was found not guilty of the theft of £1,100 from Mrs Kirby and on the judge's direction was acquitted of attempted theft, deception and administering a noxious thing.

During the trial, the jury heard that Mrs Kirby, who had been secretary to the composer Dr John Ireland, changed her will five days before she died in 1982.

Dr. Ireland had left her the royalties from his works and Mrs Kirby had previously arranged for a trust to be set up with the money.

Mr Justice MANN had directed the jury to dismiss seven of the charges against the couple, all of which they denied.

Yesterday in his summing-up he told the jury: "You must not assume guilt because the defendents have not given evidence."

Norah Kirby had found comfort and happiness at Cabin Court Lodge derived from the willingness of both Mr and Mrs Tillings, to perform tasks for her.

Mrs Kirby, by ordinary standards, was a wealthy woman and could afford to be generous, he added.

The judge ordered that Mr Tillings's costs be paid from central funds.

STATION BUGGIES FOR DISABLED

By Our Transport Correspondent

Electric "buggy cars" to carry four people, luggage and a folded wheelchair will be provided at some main-line stations as part of a £160,000 programme by British Rail and the G L C to improve facilities for the disabled at 97 stations.

The main-line stations will be Victoria, Waterloo, London Bridge, Euston, Paddington and Liverpool Street, where there will be portable ramps to get wheelchairs on to trains, special telephones and adapted lavatories.

WEAPONS STOLEN FROM GUNSMITH

By Our Crime Staff

Two men used a sledgehammer to break into a gunsmith's at Whitton, Middlesex, yesterday and stole 22 shotguns valued at £6,000.

They forced the front door of Guns and Tackles in High Street, Whitton, cut a padlock securing a chain through the 22 guns and escaped in an Audi car, stolen on Thursday from Hillingdon station.

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U.S. GETS READY TO LOSE ITS BASES IN GREECE

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

AMERICA was quietly making standby plans to remove its military bases from Greece when the present agreement expired in 1988, informed sources said yesterday.

The likely pullback in response to Greek pressure is just one symptom of the growing "allergy" among American friends and allies around the world towards United States bases and nuclear weapons.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, socialist Greek Prime Minister, has said repeatedly that he will close the bases if he is re-elected this year.

A Pentagon spokesman said that while contingency plans were secret, "You can assume that we are prudently anticipating any kind of contingency."

4,000 personnel

America had no desire to remove the bases, but it was aware of Mr Papandreou's statements, he said.

The Greek facilities include two air bases and two naval bases on Crete and the mainland that provide port facilities for the United States Sixth Fleet and support for reconnaissance flights over the Middle East.

A base at Nea Makri, north of Athens, is used for the American global communications network and smaller installations are scattered across the country, about 4,000 United States military personnel man the sites.

Loss of the Greek bases would hurt America's strategic position in the eastern Mediterranean.

The United States is uncertain whether to take a tough line with Athens in public or to go on trying to persuade Mr Papandreou through diplomatic channels not carry out his threat.

Privately American officials are letting it be known that, if Greece cancels the base agreement in 1988, it might lose the $500 million (£454 million) a year in United States military aid it receives.

Although this aid is not explicitly linked to the bases, "there is an implicit linkage," one official said.

Officially, the State Department scolded Greece yesterday for suggesting that the five-year base agreement, with its provision for termination on five months' notice, was a timetable for withdrawal.

On the contrary, the pact was similar to those with other Nato allies and "we are working on the assumption that the agreement will continue" after 1988, a department spokesman said.

Friends resisting

The Greek Prime Minister, who ended a Moscow visit on Thursday, has also upset America by pursuing agreements with his Communist neighbours, Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, without consulting Nato.

Worry over the future of the Greek bases comes at a time when Washington faces widespread resistance among its friends and allies around the world to nuclear weapons.

To counter what is dubbed a "spreading aversion" to involvement with nuclear weapons, the United States government is using a mixture of tactics.

It has advised its embassies that it is standing United States policy to deploy nuclear weapons abroad only by agreement with the countries concerned.

NATO EXERCISES

Greek offer

OUR ATHENS CORRESPONDENT writes: Greece has refused to take part in Nato map exercises and has also asked the Western alliance not to conduct military exercises in the Aegean Sea.

Mr Antonis Drossoyannis, Defence Undersecretary, said yesterday that an end to all Aegean exercises would help "to avoid further friction with Turkey within the Alliance."

He said Greece instead proposed that the Alliance hold its manoeuvres in the Ionian Sea, between Greece and Italy, and in the Mediterranean to the east of Crete. In that case, Greece would take part

Soviet offer 'is old'

By DAVID ADAMSON
Diplomatic Correspondent

THE initial British reaction to the latest Russian proposals on troops withdrawals from Central Europe is that it is little more than a repackaging of an offer made and rejected in February, 1983.

Moscow is suspected of having put the package forward to demonstrate that it is seeking agreements with the West right across the board of arms control negotiations.

The Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions talks in Vienna have dragged on without result for 11 years and optimism is, understandably, at a low ebb.

The Russian proposals envisage cuts by the United States of 13,000 men while Moscow would cut its forces by 20,000. This would take place within a year of agreement being reached.

That would be followed by a three-year freeze on force levels, followed by another three-year period in which air and ground force levels would be cut back to 900,000 on each side.

A major problem afflicting the talks is the discrepancy of 18 per cent, between Nato's estimate of Warsaw Pact forces in Central Europe and the Pact's figures.

In April last year the Nato countries tried to sidestep the data issue by concentrating on combat and combat-support forces, leaving out other forces where most of the discrepancies are believed to occur.

American and Soviet forces would have been withdrawn mainly in units.

Russia and its allies disliked those prospals as much as earlier ones, saying they merely complicated negotiations.

Mr Jeremy Levin, an American journalist who escaped from his pro-Islamic kidnappers in Lebanon after being held captive for almost a year, talking to reporters at the Syrian Foreign Ministry in Damascus. With him is Mr William Eagleton, United States Ambassador.

Lebanon's pro-Israeli militia 'disintegrating'

THE main pro-Israeli militia in southern Lebanon was said to be disintegrating yesterday as Shi'ite guerrillas kept up attacks and Israeli troops awaited orders to retreat from Sidon.

Israel last year built up the self-styled South Lebanon Army under Brig Antoine Lahd and planned to give it a major role in preventing cross-border guerrilla attacks into Galilee after Israeli troops leave Lebanon.

Brig Lahd said he planned to build up the SLA to 6,000 men, but security sources in Sidon said it had now shrunk from 2,500 to 1,200 men, largely due to desertions since Israel's decision on Jan. 14 to leave.

Israeli motorised troops are still patrolling the Sidon region which they are to evacuate by Monday in the first stage of the three-part withdrawal, but guerrillas kept up attacks and bombings.

Security sources elsewhere in southern Lebanon believe the SLA probably still has 1,300-1,400 men, but Shi'ites and some Christians, who form the majority of the SLA, were going over to the resistance. They expected more to follow as the Israeli pullout advanced.

A further 700 Christians were expected to desert when the Israelis left the Jezzine region east of Sidon, the main Christian centre of southern Lebanon, in the second stage of the withdrawal.

That would leave Brig Lahd with only 600-700 Christian veterans of the former "Free Lebanon Army," which he took over last year at the death of its commander, Major Saad Haddad.

Meanwhile, Gen William Callaghan, commander of the United Nations Peace Force in southern Lebanon, protested "very strongly" yesterday over an Israeli raid on a Shi'ite village that pushed past blue-helmeted French soldiers. The confrontation occurred on Thursday at Beri Rabal where the French tried to stop an Israeli search for arms.

He termed the Israeli move as "actions counter to humanitarian principles." — Reuter, UPI.

AMMAN ACCORD

Israel 'on defensive'

MAIER ASHER IN JERUSALEM writes: The Israeli cabinet met yesterday to discuss King Hussain's accord with Mr Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, on the solution of the Palestinian problem and peace with Israel.

Optimistic comments from Washington, signalled Jerusalem that Israel was being put on the political defensive.

Although the accord is considered deliberately ambiguous, neither indicating PLO recognition of Israel's existence nor renouncing terror, America seemed to find it worthy of support as a basis for negotiation.

5 MONTHS FOR SELLING BABY

By Our Athens Correspondent

A Greek mother was sentenced by an Athens court yesterday to five months' imprisonment for selling her seventh child to raise money for her family and to save the marriage of her sister-in-law.

The court was told that Katerina Kasparinatou, 39, and her husband sold their newborn baby for £11,500 to his younger sister, Helen Markerini, whose marriage to a wealthy Greek was on the rocks because she could not have children. The plan collapsed a year later when the mother demanded the baby back. Her husband and sister-in-law were sentenced in their absence to a year in jail.

MITTERRAND'S BETTER RATING

Thirty per cent. of French people believe President Francois Mitterrand has performed well in office, compared with 25 per cent. last November, according to an opinion poll published yesterday.

The quarterly poll of 1,000 people, conducted by the IFRES institute for the magazine La Vie Francaise, also showed that the number disapproving of his performance fell to 57 per cent. from 61 per cent.—Reuter.

PRIVATISATION IN SRI LANKA

By Our Colombo Correspondent

The Sri Lanka government decided yesterday to privatise the state-run telecommunication service, first recommended in a study by Cable and Wireless, the British group.

A cabinet spokesman, Dr Anamdatissa de Alwis, said the venture would be open to tender by interested international organisations.

Tragedy that will not go

FAMINE is the tragedy which will not go away. Eleven years ago Patrick Marnham reported in the TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE on the plight of the people in the southern Sahara.

Last autumn a new horror of a raging famine was reported in Ethiopia, and since then five million people have died.

New and sympathetic photographs by Sebastiao Salgado in the TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE tomorrow show the anguish and horror of the famine. What can be done to solve it?

Alan and Brenda Raven run a ranch in Bolivia which is as big as the Isle of Wight. Yet ten years ago they were farming a small acreage in Scotland. TONY MORRISON reports on the success of farmers who crossed the world on a great adventure.

Rekha Ganeshan is just 29, yet she has already appeared in more than 500 melodramas. She is India's leading film actress. This spring her first English-language film is released here. ANDREW DUNCAN reports.

Phil Collins has been a musician since he was five. After ten years with the world-famous rock group Genesis, he is now making a name for himself as a solo performer. On the eve of a major world tour he talks to JANE ELLISON.

Actor Robert Lindsay talks about his recent success with Shakespeare: Michael Furnell gives advice on buying property abroad in the sun: and all the regular features appear in tomorrow's TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

SPANIARDS RUSH TO THE ROCK

By Our Gibraltar Correspondent

WELL over 50,000 visitors — double the local population — have flocked to Gibraltar from south of Spain in the first 10 days since the frontier opened.

Gibraltar's main street has sprung back to life now that the 16-year siege is truly over. The bulk of visitors are tourists and the expatriate residents on Spain's Costa del Sol, all out to "Buy British."

Bacon, sausages and biscuits are a favourite at the Lipton supermarkets, and knitwear is tops at the local Marks and Spencer outlet. Both establishments have doubled turnover and taken on more staff.

Barclays Bank is now advertising its services on television to catch the eye of the long-term British residents along the Costa.

Indian bazaars, restaurants, taxi drivers and the cable car to the top of the Rock are all doing good business.

For the time being, politics seem to take a secondary place as most people in Gibraltar put their backs into the tourist effort at long last unhindered by restrictions from Spain.

Thatcher sees Minister

Mrs Thatcher welcomed the reopening of Spain's border with Gibraltar yesterday when she met Senor Narcis Serra, the Spanish Defence Minister, on the last day of his three-day official visit to Britain.

Renounce violence and we'll talk, Botha tells ANC

By CHRISOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

IN a major shift of government policy, Mr P. W. Botha, South African President, said yesterday that he was prepared to hold talks with the outlawed African National Congress—if the movement renounced violence as a political weapon.

This week Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the congress rejected an offer of freedom on the same conditions, a repudiation of violence.

Mr Mandela demanded in return the removal of the ban on the congress.

He also sought the unconditional release of all who had been jailed, banished or exiled for their opposition to apartheid.

Mr Botha made no reference to the possible removal of the ban on the congress, declared an unlawful organisation in 1950, but the fact that he mentioned the possibility of negotiations with the movement in any circumstances surprised many observers.

The organisation is usually referred to by the government as a "Communist terrorist" movement to be implacably opposed inside and outside the country.

'Positive response'

"We cannot allow the forces of evil to commit murder and wanton destruction," Mr Botha said. "If the ANC decides to reject violence, the government is willing to talk to it, as with any other organisation that strives for true peace and development for the peoples of our land."

He said 14 prisoners serving sentences for security offences had "responded positively" to his offer of freedom on condition that they renounced violence.

While the banned organisation is unlikely to renounce its commitment to "armed struggle," political observers believe the latest government statements have opened up a form of long-range dialogue with the movement.

Dr Piet Muller, assistant editor of the pro-government newspaper BEELD, who recently interviewed the exiled congress leadership in Lusaka, said yesterday that he believed the movement and the government would probably continue to "play hard to get."

He did not foresee any real hope for discussions between the two parties at this stage, as they both had problems with their own constituencies, the government with its Right wing and the congress with its militant youth.

"Some of the younger generation in the ANC are trying to push for more effective military operations in South Africa, including striking at the so-called soft targets," Dr Muller said.

But he thought a strength of the organisation was its diplomatic position in the international community and that could be seriously jeopardised if it mobilised forces against civilians.

DINING ROOM BAN

'Shame and degradation'

A white South African member of Parliament complained yesterday that he had been barred from the parliamentary dining room because he was accompanied by two members of the Indian chamber, the House of Delegates.

Mr David Dalling, a member of the official Opposition Progressive Federal party, said he had invited the two Indian members to join him for lunch with the Canadian Ambassador and a Cape Town newspaper editor but his colleagues were barred from the dining room in the House of Assembly, the white chamber.

Mr Dalling said: "The provisions which divide MPs into separate racial categories, and allow them rights and privileges according to their skin colour, bring shame and degradation to Parilament and to our country."

Countrywide unrest

A black man was hacked to death by an axe-wielding mob that attacked the house in which he was staying in the African township area of Fort Beaufort in the Eastern Cape province.

A police spokesman said the rampaging mob of 200 mostly young blacks also seriously injured another man and set fire to a school and three private houses. The incident was seen as part of the continuing countrywide unrest in black townships.

Soviet protest

Delegates said a South African observer left a United Nations Human Rights Commission debate in Geneva, on apartheid yesterday after the Soviet Union protested against his presence.—Reuter.

Why the French broke ranks on Unesco

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

ALTHOUGH the French, too, are calling for reform of Unesco, their attitude, manifest in their decision to provide the agency with an exceptional extra 20 million francs (£1,800,000), is very different from that of Britain and some other West European countries.

The provision, bringing France's total contribution this year to about $14 million (£12,600,000), is seen as a symbolic gesture of support for the organisation, whose headquarters are in Paris, and as evidence of France's desire to remain on good terms with French-speaking Africans and other "Third World" countries.

And it is clear that while Britain has given notice that at the end of this year she will, like America, leave Unesco unless significant reforms are introduced, the French want to remain members.

The French gesture is seen by some Western delegations as undermining the West's efforts to get reasonable reforms. The French have "broken ranks."

£339 million budget

The Western countries are a small minority in the predominantly "Third World" make-up of Unesco but carry an overwhelming proportion of its cost.

By threatening to withdraw and refusing extra funds just now many hoped to obtain reforms. France pays 6·43 per cent. of the total Unesco budget of $374 million (£339 million), and she is due to receive $4,500,000 (more than £4,000,000) back from currency fluctuation this year.

By last night voluntary contributions to help make up Unesco's $28 million (£25,300,000) deficit consequent on America's withdrawal on Dec. 31 after complaints that the agency was mismanaged and too political had, reached less than $6 million (£5,400,000).

Most of these contributions came from "Third World" countries. But the biggest came from Russia ($2,500,000), followed by France.

'North and South'

Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, director-general of Unesco, a Senegalese, denounced yesterday what he called an "unprecedented Press campaign" against the agency and himself. He was addressing in Paris a special session of the executive board called to discuss consequences of America's withdrawal.

He averted that contemporary contradictions "do not just involve, as some would have it, East-West relations inside the United Nations system, but essentially those between North and South."

The board meeting ends today and is due to adopt a resolution on how to meet the budget deficit. This is to be submitted to a general conference at Sofia in the autumn.

The $28 million deficit takes into account economies this year of $15 million. The Soviet Union's extra payment will be by renunciation of its share of the currency fund.

Spain expels envoys

TWO American diplomats have been ordered out of Spain on charges of espionage. Senor Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister, confirmed this yesterday.

The American Embassy in Madrid declined to confirm or deny the expulsions, which are said to have occurred early this month.

Senor Gonzalezz said news reports that two American envoys had been caught spying on official communications systems and forced to leave the country "cannot be denied ... It is something that happened."

He added "Spain requested they leave the country, and it has been carried out. We considered their activities were not in line with their diplomatic status. Their activities were of another type."

The Prime Minister's comments were made during a Press conference he held jointly with Signor Bettino Craxi, Prime Minister of Italy, who is visiting Spain.

The national news agency EFE said Spanish intelligence agents caught the two diplomats photographig a Government building to obtain information on wavelengths used in official communications.

Intelligence sources cited by the news agency said the espionage was presumably aimed aimed at decoding security and military messages.

The identities of the envoys were not disclosed, but Spanish news media said one of them held a post at the American Embassy in Madrid and that the other was attached to the American military base at Torrejon, outside Madrid.—UPI.

GARDEN CALENDAR FRED WHITSEY

Making way for seakale

SO highly favoured a vegetable crop was seakale in the walled gardens of the days of serge-aproned gardeners that special pots were made for it. Today, like the wheel broken at the cistern, they sometimes lie there still, abandoned and forlorn, half overgrown with brambles and nettles — until one day the auction sale is held. Then they are cleaned of their patina of lichen and command high prices from those with an antiquarian interest in gardening techniques. Now, though, seakale itself could be in for a revival.

Forgotten as a vegetable, it it has already enjoyed renown in recent years as a vogue plant. For it is none other than the giant Crambe maritima grown in hardy borders for its massive pewter coloured leaves and the cloud of tiny white flowers it makes in early summer. So lusty a plant can afford to have its first shoots of the season removed, for it is these that are cooked and served at the table, just like the early growth of asparagus is used. Except that these of seakale are blanched to lose their natural colour, and encouraged to develop quickly.

Once this was done with those special pots upturned over the plants lying in the ground. Now it can be done just as well with a plastic bucket weighted with a brick. Sometimes the pots were surrounded with manure or leaves as though it was rhubarb inside being forced into premature growth, but this only affected the timing. Seakale is actually a native seashore plant, so likes light soil but must be fed during summer to help it get over losing its first growths as though weakened by slug damage.

What does it taste like? Hard to say because the flavour is so delicate. It is as much the soft texture that makes it an epicurean delight. For years it was impossible to buy the planting roots, but now I find that a Suffolk firm, who have long specialised in growing asparagus, are now marketing it to gardeners. They are A. R. Paske & Co, of Kentford, Newmarket. With the plants, costing £6 for five, they send out a leaflet giving the essential cultivation details.

Most of the seed catalogues list a vegetable called silver or seakale beet. This is simply a variant of perpetual spinach often called also Swiss chard, that makes thick white midribs to the leaves. The green part can be used as spinach, the midrib as seakale itself. Some growers who have tried it prefer it anyway to perpetual spinach, though it grows much larger. It certainly looks very handsome indeed as the leaf blades are highly polished. There is a form tinted with red called Ruby Chard which is also very decorative, on the table as well as in the garden.

Also due for buying now, if not for sowing just yet, is seed of the so-called Chinese leaves. Usually it is listed as Pe-Tsai Chinese cabbage. It grows like a huge cos lettuce and is sown in early summer for autumn crops. Anyone who still has some of those glass "tall barn" or tomato cloches would find that the plants would last the winter under them.

It is quite possible to provide yourself with chicory from the garden during the winter if you have a greenhouse with only slight heat in it. Seed is sown in early summer out of doors like lettuce, but for the roots instead of the leaves. In the autumn the plants are lifted, the top growth stripped off and composted, the parsnip-like roots stored in slightly damp peat or sand.

From time to time a few of the roots are taken out and potted up, three to an 8in pot and put in the greenhouse where the pot is covered with another pot, even the drainage hole sealed to exclude the light. With a little watering and the warmth growth begins again and soon you have a supply of "chicons" for salads. They may not be quite as immaculate as those you buy but are certainly produced with little more trouble than this.

Of course, you could leave them in the ground after taking off the tops and cover them, but then you would not get the crop until early spring. Still, it would be useful while you are waiting for the first cloche lettuce if you are keen on providing yourself with a supply of salad from the garden.

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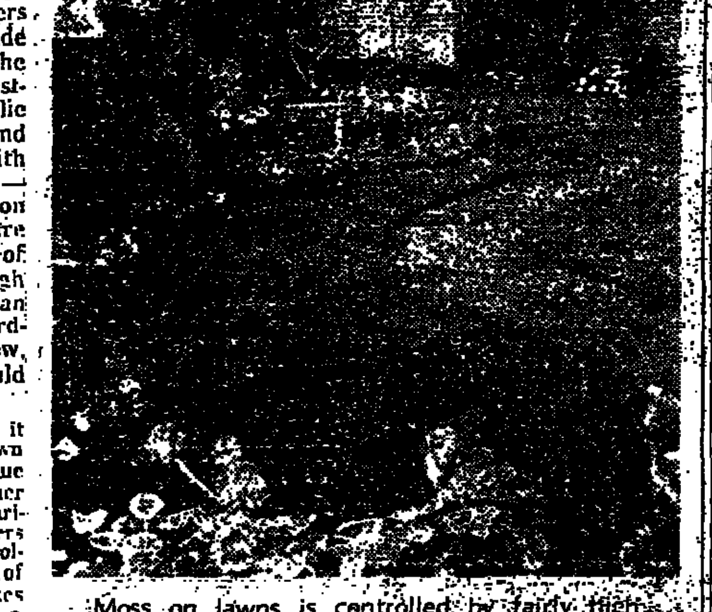
AS soon as the snow has gone moss will reveal that it has been at work underneath proliferating at an even faster rate than it customarily does in the late winter without snow. It will be the moment to get in with a chemical moss killer and destroy it. The present crop, that is.

Every garden centre these days sells several preparations that will do this effectively at the cost of very little trouble since they are mixed as liquids and can be applied through a pressure sprayer—of course on a still day. One preparation that has the advantage of preventing a further invasion for about a year is called Tumblemoss.

However, you can never hope to eradicate moss from your lawn for ever. It will always return one day. All you can hope for is to subdue it with chemicals and reduce its chances by not mowing very closely, by aerating the surface with occasional spiking when you are in the mood and feeding the turf to make sure the grass gets a fair chance of competing.



Moss on lawns is controlled by fairly high mowing and regular turf feeding as well as chemical application.

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VIET TROOPS ROUT KHMER GUERRILLAS

By NANCY ANDERSON in Bangkok

VIETNAMESE troops, backed by artillery and led by tanks, scored a major victory in western Cambodia yesterday when they overran Phnom Malai and the Khmer Rouge guerrilla fortress of Phum Thmei.

Hundreds of Khmer Rouge fighters threw away their weapons and fled across the border into Thailand, but an estimated 10,000 Cambodian guerrillas were said to have moved deeper into the jungle to regroup and harass the stretched Vietnamese supply lines.

Only a handful of guerrillas were left in Phnom Malai yesterday morning to cover the escaping insurgents.

The fall of Phnom Malai, 19 miles south-east of the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet, and the capture of the mountain fortress of Phum Thmei means that the 50,000 Vietnamese force has wiped out Khmer resistance bases along the frontiere in its dry season, offensive which began in November.

Tanks lead assault

Vietnamese artillery began shelling the guerrilla stronghold at dawn in an attack that lasted most of the morning and spilled into Thailand. Thai gunners returned the fire briefly.

The insurgents pulled out of Phnom Malai by the afternoon as the 6,000 Vietnamese force of the 59th Division, led by Russian-built T-54 tanks, moved in from the east side of the mountains.

Major-Gen. Salva Sriphen commander of Thailand's Eastern Border Field Force, said several Vietnamese divisions had converged on the last Khmer Rouge bases from the south and east, completing a pincer movement that had been evolving for several weeks.

They swept through the vital phnom Malai area and rolled on to take the Khmer Rouge "showcase camp."

Leadership in hiding

Plumes of smoke could be seen rising above Phum Thmei, 12 miels south of Aranyaprathet, as the Vietnamese set fire to the base which had probably served as the command headquarters for the area.

The whereabouts of the Khmer Rouge leadership was not known. Khieu Samphan, Ieng Sary, Son Sen and others were seen last Saturday when they met Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian guerrilla leader backed by Peking, at Phum Thmie.

Prince Sihanouk heads a three-party coalition government comprised of his own group, the Khmer Rouge, and the Khmer People's National Liberation Front.

Thai intelligence sources said that about 1,000 Vietnamese had been killed or wounded since Tuesday. They estimated that more than 200 had died or been injured in the fighting to control 155 square miles of the Phnom Malai area.

Radio Hanoi claimed that 4,000 Cambodian guerrillas had been killed and 1,000 put out of action in the three months of fighting.

The broadcast, monitored in Tokyo, said the Heng Samrin forces, "supported by Vietnamese troops", had destroyed or seized at least 10 guerrilla bases along the Thai-Cambodian border, and had seized food supplies, war materials and thousands of weapons.

The Vietnamese drive has placed Hanoi's troops virtually face-to-face with the Thais along a 40-mile stretch of border south of Aranyaprathet.

Gen. Salya said 15,000 Thai villagers—mostly women and children—had been evacuated from their homes in this area. Radio Thailand stated that the Bangkok government had lodged a protest note with the United Nations, accusing Vietnam of five incursions into Thai territory.

Thailand, its partners in non-Communist South-East Asia, China and most Western nations, recognise Prince Sihanouk's Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, rather than the pro-Hanoi Heng Samrin government.

A Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman said friendly nations must arm the Cambodian resistance since "we have already exhausted all means to seek a political solution to the Cambodian problem."

CHINA THREAT

Pressure on border

China is under pressure to help shield its Thai and Cambodian allies from attacks by Vietnam, but a large-scale fight along the Sino-Vietnamese border is unlikely, Western diplomats said yesterday in Peking.

China, the major arms supplier to the Cambodian resistance, threatened to give "a due lesson to the Vietnamese aggressors" by increasing military pressure on Hanoi along the Sino-Vietnamese border. The two Communist nations fought a month-long border war in 1979 after the Vietnamese ousted the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge government in Phnom Penh.

Meanwhile the diplomats, monitoring the tense situation closely, said Russia, as Vietnam's main supporter, had warned Hanoi against violating Thai territory. China has said it will not stand by and watch if Vietnam attacks Thailand.—Reuter-UPI.

Battle for Cambodia to go on, says envoy

By NANCY ANDERSON in Bangkok

"THE battle for Cambodia is far from over with the fall of Phnom Malai and Phum Thmei. "It is just a temporary setback," said one Western diplomat yesterday in Bangkok.

"It just means the Khmer Rouge and the rest of the Cambodian resistance will have to go back to carry out guerrilla warfare against the Vietnamese.

"Resistance will be back to fight another day," he said.

Reign of terror

To understand the Khmer Rouge's latest defeat at the hands of their arch-enemies, the Vietnamese, it is necessary to go back to Cambodia's troubled history, to the Pol Pot regime which had ousted the corrupt American-backed Lon Nol government in April 1975.

Through a four-year reign of terror, the Communist Khmer Rouge were estimated to have killed two million Cambodians.

On Christmas Day, 1978, Vietnam invaded Cambodia and by Feb. 7 had forced the Khmer Rouge out of the capital, Phnom Penh.

The Khmer Rouge fled west, into the Cambodian jungles, and Hanoi installed its hand-picked ruler, Heng Samrin, supported by more than 160,000 occupation troops.

In June 1982, an unusual partnership was formed, called the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

It consisted of the two non-Communist factions, followers of the former Cambodian ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk; Son San, leader of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front; and the third and strongest faction; the Communist Khmer Rouge.

Last November, Vietnam launched its 1984-85 dry season offensive more than two months early and caught the insurgents off guard.

Pan Am still confident

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

THE confidence of Pan American World Airways in completing the purchase of 28 Airbuses in its £1 billion deal with the European consortium, Airbus Industrie, remains unshaken despite the loss of a similar sum in accumulation of losses over the last seven years.

Yesterday the airline reported a pre-tax loss for 1984 of £900 million. The comparable loss in 1983 was £96 million.

The 1984 operating loss was £99 million, compared with an operating profit of £55 million in the previous year.

The strength of the United States dollar has had an adverse effect on Pan Am revenues. About 55 per cent of the airline's sales are based on other than United States dollar-denominated prices, and a dollar strong compared with other currencies lowers the carrier's income from passenger flights.

Increases in traffic originating in the United States and cuts in overseas operating expenses only partially offset this adverse effect.

Pan Am's results include severance payments of £8,450,000 to reduce the number of employees by 1,000 to 26,000.

The airline's confidence in the future is based on the benefits to come from rationalising its fleet of aircraft. This will allow the carrier to increase capacity this year.

JOINT NUCLEAR PLEA

India and Poland urged an end to the nuclear arms race yesterday and announced they were expanding bilateral economic ties after a five-day visit by Gen. Jaruzelski, the Polish Prime Minister, to India. — Reuter.

Capt. Roger Morgan-Grenville, 25, of the Royal Green Jackets, standing at Sir Ernest Shackleton's grave at Grytviken in South Georgia after leading an 11-man patrol which earlier this month retraced Shackleton's Antarctic trek across the island in May, 1916. Capt. Morgan-Grenville, of Petworth, Sussex, calculated that in a single two-kilometre stretch they crossed 300 crevasses.

Army on Lawrence's desert trip

By Maj.Gen. Edward Fursdon Defence Correspondent

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of T. E. Lawrence's death, an Army four-man team from the Royal Green Jackets, led by Capt Charles Blackmore, has flown to Jordan, this week.

The team is to trace, by camel, Lawrence of Arabia's 1,000-mile journey across the desert. The Jordanian Army is helping with a camel handler and an escort.

Starting out from Aqaba, the team will ride east to al Mudawwarah (where Lawrence blew up a troop train, the wreckage of which is still there) before turning north and riding beyond Amman; it will then return to end its journey back at Agaba again.

The expedition will have to cover 30 miles a day to achieve its target of five weeks for the round trip. During this time the members will live in the desert on a Bedouin-type diet, chiefly dates, goats' milk and cheese, and anything else the desert cares to offer.

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FAST WORK

France started work yesterday on extending a high-speed rail network from Paris to Brittany by 1989 and to Bordeaux and the Spanish border by 1990.—Reuter.

SRI LANKA KILLS 58 REBELS

By VILMA WIMALDASA in Colombo

FIFTY-EIGHT terrorists were killed in a dawn swoop by Sri Lanka's northern security forces on a clandestine camp in the Mulleitivu district.

There were said to be no civilians in the area. The camp was a jungle hideout, and the terrorists were so much taken by surprise that there was no loss of life, or injury among the security fortes involved.

Several days ago four soldiers and 15 terrorists were killed in a five-hour clash at Kokilai in the Mullaitiva district, when terrorists attacked an Army unit.

And in December Tamil separatist terrorists killed about 50 Sinhalese fishermen in two villages in the same district.

TO BE FREED

Three journalists

Sri Lanka said yesterday it would free three journalists detained last week in Jaffna for suspected subversive activities.

The Foreign Ministry stated that Nicholas Coleridge and Michael Zalanchas, Britons, and Peter Evelyn Jouvenal, said to be a producer for German television, would be released "in view of representations made on their behalf and the close ties that exist between Britain and Sri Lanka."

PIPE OF DEATH

A farmer lighting his hookah (water pipe) set fire to some straw, starting a blaze in which two people died and 180 houses were destroyed in a village north of Cairo.—Reuter.

Spy scandal upsets Soviet plan for military advisers

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

THE smashing of the spy ring in India involving French, Russian and East bloc agents has set back Kremlin efforts to persuade New Delhi to allow Russian advisers to serve with Indian units using Soviet weapons systems.

India signed a friendship and security treaty with Russia in 1971.

Since then the Kremlin has been making efforts to get Russian advisers into Indian Army, Navy and Air Force units, but the moves have always been resisted by Service commanders who fear the advisers might begin to interfere with tactical deployments and disturb the line of command.

The Soviet efforts became strenuous when the Indian Navy acquired submarines. A group of Russian technicians, officers and sailors sailed with the vessels to Bombay.

But this led to a brush when the Indian Navy decided to invite a group of journalists to inspect the submarines.

A senior Russian officer protested sharply that he could not allow journalists aboard since it would expose weapons secrets to unauthorised persons. He was overruled by the Indian captain and an admiral.

The pressures from the Kremlin have been renewed with the growing sophistication in Soviet equipment. The Russians made determined efforts to get an adviser posted to a forward Indian Air Force base after a newly acquired MiG-23 crashed.

While the Indians were willing to take the Russians to the crash site and to visit the unit, they were not willing to allow them permanent postings.

Manuals withheld

Russian technicians and experts are allowed in Indian manufacturing units, but even here there has been resistance.

At one stage the Russians found an excuse for withholding vital manuals and insisting they did not have facilities for quick translations. But the Indians retorted that they would cancel orders unless they got the manuals.

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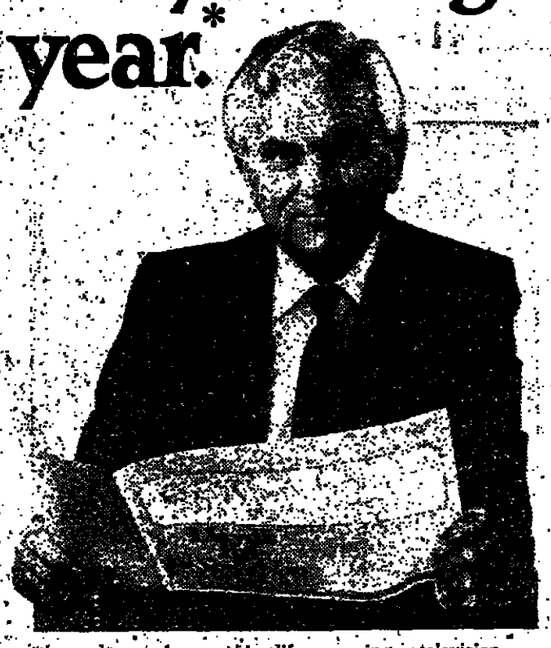

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51	55	980	1,968	2,952	3,936	N/A	N/A
52	56	936	1,872	2,808	3,744	N/A	N/A
53	57	892	1,784	2,676	3,568	N/A	N/A
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61	65	609	1,218	1,824	2,432	3,040	N/A
62	66	588	1,176	1,764	2,352	2,940	N/A
63	67	572	1,144	1,716	2,288	2,860	N/A
64	68	558	1,112	1,668	2,224	2,780	N/A
65	69	536	1,072	1,608	2,144	2,680	3,752
66	70	512	1,024	1,536	2,048	2,560	3,584
67	71	484	968	1,452	1,936	2,420	3,388
68	72	452	904	1,356	1,808	2,260	3,164
69	73	416	832	1,248	1,664	2,080	2,912
70	74	384	768	1,152	1,536	1,920	2,688
71	75	352	704	1,056	1,408	1,760	2,464
72	76	324	648	972	1,296	1,620	2,268
73	77	300	600	900	1,200	1,500	2,100
74	78	280	560	840	1,120	1,400	1,960
75	79	260	520	780	1,040	1,300	1,820
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Powell's 'repugnance' on Warnock report

BILL TO PROHIBIT RESEARCH ON EMBRYOS WINS BIG MAJORITY

By ANTHONY LOOCH and WILLIAM WEEKES

MR ENOCH POWELL'S Bill to prohibit research on human embryos was given a Second Reading by a large majority in the Commons yesterday.

It was approved by 238 votes to 66, a majority of 172, after Mr KENNETH CLARKE, Health Minister, had indicated that the Government aimed to introduce its own legislation on the issues raised by the Warnock report on human fertilisation within the lifetime of this Parliament.

He said the Government was neutral towards Mr Powell's measure, although he would vote against it.

"For myself, I feel that this Bill today is precipitate and comes too soon."

It was extreme and fundamentalist in its consequences for a great deal of medical and scientific research.

Two million signatures

The House was unusually full for a Friday, and before the debate started 11 petitions against embryo experiments, one of them containing more than two million signatures, were presented.

Mr Powell's measure, the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, says that fertilisation of a human embryo outside the womb should take place only with the authority of the Social Services Secretary and then only to enable a named woman to give birth.

Mr Clarke said the Government, like the Opposition, was composed of people with a wide range of views on this issue, and ministers would probably be found in both division lobbies.

The Government owed the House a full response in due course to the recommendations of the Warnock committee, which said experiments should be allowed on embryos up to 14 days.

Pressed by Conservative backbenchers, the minister said he could not put a timetable to a Government Bill because of the complexities of these issues and the need to take account of a mass of representations.

"Our aim would be to produce it in the lifetime of this parliament—as soon as reasonably possible."

The Bill provides for both fines and imprisonment but Mr Clarke cautioned against rushing into using the criminal law in this narrow area.

Laws based on a moral judgment even of a majority of the population, had sometimes proved difficult and uncertain areas, he said.

Single purpose

Mr POWELL (O U P, South Down) said his Private Member's Bill had a single purpose. This was to render it unlawful for a human embryo, created by in vitro (outside the womb) fertilisation, to be used as a subject for experimentation, except to enable a woman to bear a child.

He stressed that the Bill was not concerned in any way with issues like surrogate parentage or abortion, nor did it seek to interfere with procedures in use at present, to enable women, unable to bear children, to do so.

It prohibited the procurement of fertilisation, or the possession of a human embryo, except with the authority of the Secretary of State. This permission could only be given to

Mr Enoch Powell

enable a child to be borne by a particular woman.

It would automatically be given, on an application by two medical practitioners.

"I accept that if the will of this House and Parliament is clearly made known, in terms of legislation, I do not impute it to the medical profession that they would be looking for ways of evading the will of Parliament," Mr Powell said.

Explaining why he had introduced the Bill, Mr Powell said that when he had read the Warnock report on human fertilisation he had felt a deep and instinctive sense of repugnance at the proposition that a human life in embryo should be subjected to experimentation for the acquisition of knowledge.

His early impression had subsequently been abundantly confirmed by public opinion, once it became known that there was a possibility of legislative action in the Commons.

Millions of people wanted his Bill to reach the statute book.

At this stage there was a demonstration in the public gallery. A number of young women shouted abuse at Mr Powell, blew whistles and scattered leaflets. They were removed by attendants.

Mr Powell said the Commons must exercise its choice and decide whether information should be obtained in a way which outraged the instincts of so many people.

Mr Powell added: "I believe this is a principle which our country as a whole wishes predominantly to see affirmed by its representatives."

Miss JO RICHARDSON (Lab, Barking) said the House might be taking a seriously retrograde step if it passed the Bill, which had been described as "home-made and half-baked" legislation.

This was the view of many doctors who had for years been working towards the prevention of congenital malformation in future generations, and also to try to cure male infertility. They did not accept Mr Powell's claim that the Bill would not interfere with their research.

Miss Richardson described the Bill as an attack on one of the most promising forms of infertility treatment for women and the very small amount of work being done on male infertility.

Mr NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS, the former Conservative Cabinet Minister and a prominent Roman Catholic, supported the Bill and said the Government should provide time for the later stages if it *got a Second Reading.*

The Commons had to decide where the line should be drawn said Mr St John-Stevas. The first principle which could assist in reaching a judgment was respect for human life.

"We know beyond the faintest scintilla of doubt that the embryo is a unique form of matter, that it is human, that it is alive and has the full potential to become a human person.

"That being so, it is morally wrong to stimulate its creation, to bring it into existence for the purpose of experimentation or dissection or merely to discard it as useless into a dustbin."

Intervening, Mr DAFYDD WIGLEY (Plaid Cymru, Caernarvon) said the well being of thousands of handicapped children who were born, thousands doomed to die at an early stage, as he suffered the loss of his own son six weeks ago, should also come into the equation.

Mr ALAN BEITH (Lib., Berwick-upon-Tweed) said there was neither prospect nor compromise of a Government Bill in any timescale the Minister cared to define.

"If we do not seek to legislate now, we are creating a presumption of a widening of the research now done. That is why we cannot wait."

Mr MICHAEL MEACHER, the Shadow Social Services Secretary, also speaking in a personal capacity, agreed on the need for legislation but attacked the Bill as premature.

The Bill would put an unqualified block on research and its potential benefits.

"There is a need for medical research, and that should be facilitated."

Montefiore asks to quit board post after Synod defeat

By Canon D. W. GUNDRY Churches Correspondent

THE Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Hugh Montefiore, has tendered his resignation as chairman of the Church of England Board for Social Responsibility to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York because of a defeat on Thursday in a Synod debate on the Warnock Report.

Dr Montefiore felt that the Synod had rejected the board's considered policy.

The archbishops have not accepted his offer, saying: "There are other precedents for the Synod failing to endorse the recommendation of one of its boards."

They believe the Synod wishes him to continue and preside over the preparations before a full-scale debate on the report later in the year.

'Confused' system

The Synod reviewed the non-stipendiary ministry, consisting of priests and others who have secular occupations but have also been ordained. This kind of ministry has grown over the past 20 years.

The Archdeacon of West Ham, the Ven. Peter Dawes, felt the system was confused. He saw the non-stipendiary minister as overwhelmed by his occupational, family and Church claims.

But the Bishop of Gloucester, the Rt Rev. John Yates, said they were an essential part of the ministry. In his diocese one priest in five was now non-stipendiary.

On the proposal of the Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt Rev. Alec Graham, the Synod asked for a draft revision of regulations for the non-stipendiary ministry.

Cruise debate

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, intervened in a resumed debate on cruise missiles. He said the subject created a high degree of emotion.

Weapons were not the main problem, which was basically one of political fear. The proposed resolution against cruise and Pershing II missiles did not touch on the political issues and would make the Synod look foolish.

Canon Douglas Rhymes of Southwark and Canon Christopher Hall of Bolton wanted the Synod to come out against such missiles. But Dr Montefiore explained that last year the Synod sent its recommendations on decreasing nuclear arms to the Government.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Rev. John Baker, admitted that the views of the Synod had had no discernible affect on national policies or public attitudes.

On reflection about "The Church and the Bomb" he felt this method of influencing national thinking was mistaken. Instead, the Church should press the Government to answer pertinent questions about arms policies that already exist.

Some members wanted to drop the subject altogether, but in the end Mr David Webster, a financial journalist representing the diocese of Rochester, successfully moved the adjournment.

This means that the subject can only come up again if the Synod's standing committee decides to put it on the agenda.

Voting was close: 159 for the adjournment, 152 against. Cries of "shame" came from CND supporters in the gallery.

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Training for godparents

THE Church of England General Synod decided yesterday that its wants godparentage to be taken more seriously.

The Bishop of Leicester, Dr Richard Rutt, who presented a paper on the subject for study by the Synod and the Church at large, did not share the view of those who opposed folk religion and wanted baptism to be solely a matter of individual commitment.

All were glad there is baptism but many were unhappy about how it is administered.

There should, said Dr Rutt, be more training of godparents though not courses as such. Godparents had a form of lay ministry.

Importance of research stressed by doctors

By Dr K. C. HUTCHIN, Medical Consultant

THE importance of research on human embryos up to 13 days after conception was stressed at a conference on pre-natal diagnosis in London yesterday.

There would be major regrets in the research community if this type of investigation was made illegal.

Recently-developed methods of genetic engineering were described at the conference by Prof. David Weatherall, Nuffield Professor of Medicine at Oxford University.

It is now possible to diagnose serious diseases in the foetus. There is no considerable experience in this field, which enables serious blood diseases to be diagnosed in the first three months of pregnancy, thus providing a basis for setting up programmes for the diagnosis of various conditions resulting from abnormalities of human genes.

The safety of routine screening in pregnancy was emphasised by Dr K. Nicolaides, of King's College Hospital. The evidence that routine ultrasound scans in the 14th to 18th week of pregnancy is safe for both mother and baby is convincing.

Re-Chem plants are cleared by inquiries

By A. J. McILROY

SEPARATE investigations ordered by the Scottish and Welsh Offices have found no evidence to support protests that people and animals living near the controversial Re-Chem chemical waste disposal plants have suffered adverse health effects.

Further research has been commissioned, spokesmen said yesterday. But this was into cases that could have occurred by chance and be unconnected with waste disposal.

The Scottish independent inquiry, headed by Prof. John Lenihan, was ordered after Mr Andrew Graham claimed that calves on his farm two miles from the factory in the Bonnybridge-Denny area of central Scotland were born blind and deformed, and cows had changed colour.

There were also reports last year that babies in the area suffered rare eye diseases.

Public fears increased when it became known that the Re-Chem plant at Bonnybridge, which has since shut down through economic reasons, was disposing of polychlorinated biphenys which, when burned, can give rise to highly toxic waste.

Prof. Lenihan, former head of the department of chemical physics at Glasgow University, concluded that between 1980 and 1982, the most recent period for which data was available, the human death rate in the area was not abnormal.

The most recent figures available for cancer, eye defects and congenital deformities showed nothing remarkable, he said.

But further investigation is to be made into six cases of the class of eye defects known as microphalmos, or "small eye," since 1976. The report described this as "sufficiently striking" to warrant further investigation although it could have occurred by chance.

Prof. Lenihan said that he had found no evidence of chemical leaks or that Mr Graham's cattle had been affected by chemical emissions from the Re-Chem plant.

Mr Graham yesterday dismissed the report as "a total whitewash." He said he intended suing Re-Chem for £2 million at the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

Meanwhile the Welsh Office said yesterday that the investigation carried out in the Pontypool area had similarly reported no evidence that the local Re-Chem plant had contributed to human and animal diseases.

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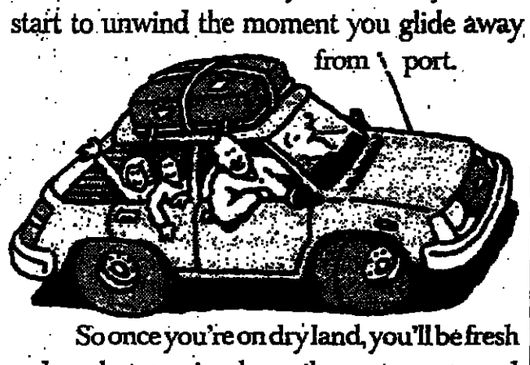

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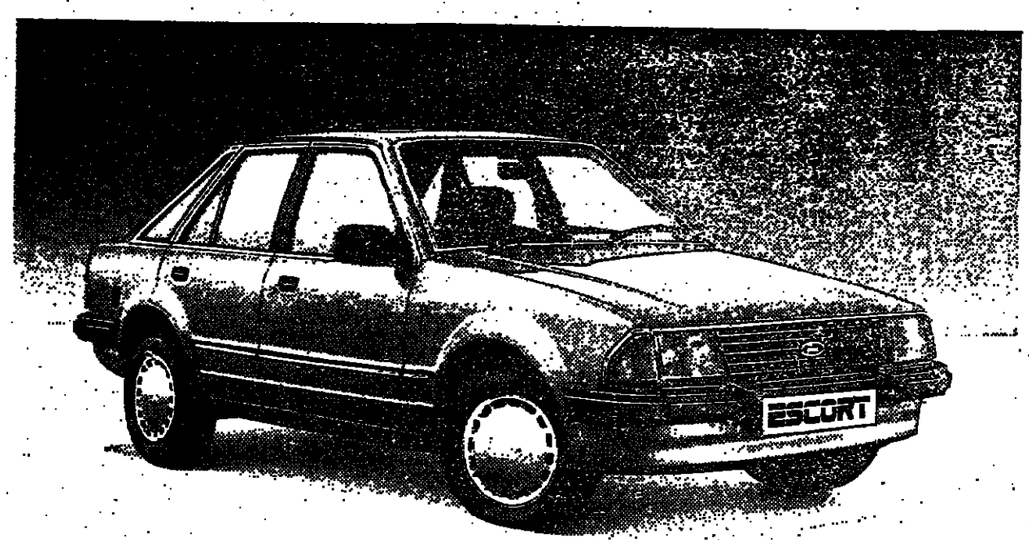

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Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Feb. 15

Miss Elizabeth Pearce and Mrs James Atwell had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning when Her Majesty invested them with the Insignia of Members of the Royal Victorian Order

Mr Justice Tudor Price had the honour of being received by The Queen on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

His Excellency Mr Salah Mohamed Ali was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Somali Democratic Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Yusuf Haji Said (First Counsellor), Mrs Rahima Hussein Kulmie (First Secretary), Mr Hersi Haji Olusow (Second Secretary), Mr Abdulkadir Abdi Hashi (Second Secretary), Mr Mohamed Elmi Jama (Third Secretary) and Mr Abdullahi Jama Aden (Third Secretary).

Mr Ewen Fergusson (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance

Admiral Sir Peter Stanford had the honour of being received by The Queen on his appointment as Flag Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty.

Mr Roger de Grey (President of the Royal Academy of Arts) and Mr Piers Rodgers (Secretary) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty handed to Mr de Grey the Gold Medal and Chain of Office as President of the Royal Academy of Arts

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Electronics Branch at Malvern, Hereford and Worcester.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Brigadier Clive Roberston, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning visited Hope Hospital, Salford, and opened and toured the new extension, escorted by the Chairman of Salford Area Health Authority (Dr F. Beswick).

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward).

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron, the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, attended the Stockport and District Federation's event in aid of Operation Dhaka Appeal at Stockport Town Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Stockport (Councillor E. Lowe) and the Chairman of the Stockport and District Federation (Mrs J. Smith).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Malcolm Innes, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (formerly Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) at the Funeral of Major-General Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones (formerly Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Extra Equerry) which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE. Feb. 15.

The Prince of Wales, President, this afternoon visited the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr John Higgs was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Sir Michael Sobell House, the Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, R.N., travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE, Feb. 14.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, today visited Brookwood Cemetery, Brookwood, and later, as Chancellor, visited the University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening presented the Standard Awards for Opera following a performance of Der Rosenkavalier at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the South Survey Estates of the Duchy of Lancaster at Strixton and Higham Ferrers in Northamptonshire on May 3.

The Princess of Wales will visit New Scotland Yard on April 11.

Princess Anne will attend the Northern Heritage Trust's reception at Blagon, Seaton Burn, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on April 24. Later, as Patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, she will attend the Newcastle-upon-Tyne East Federation's 50th anniversary dinner at the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Civic Centre.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY AND TOMORROW

Lord Franks is 80 today; Prof. Sir Ellis Waterhouse is 80; Capt. R. E. D. Ryder, VC, RN (Retd), 77; Sir Geraint Evans 63; Mr Justice Webster 61; Mr Peter Porter 56; Mr Anthony Dowell 42; and Mr John McEnroe 26.

Sir Eric Clayson will be 77 tomorrow; Lord Foot will be 76; Lord Kearton 74; Gen. Sir John Mogg 72; the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine 61; the Hon. Nicholas Ridley, M P, 56; Sir Gordon Slynn 55; Dr Claire Palley 54; Mr Alan Bates 51; and Mr Barry Humphries 51.

Forthcoming Marriages

Capt. H. P. A. Macnair and Miss M. J. Cuthbert

The engagement is announced between Capt. Hugh Macnair, the Queen's Own Highlanders, son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Peter Macnair, of Chelsea, and Morag, daughter of Mr and Mrs Millar Cuthbert, of Karen, Kenya.

Capt. G. St J. Barker and Miss L. T. Gibbs

The engagement is announced between Guy Barker, late Royal Artillery, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. M. A. Barker, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Lesley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. L. Gibbs, of Epsom, Surrey.

Flt Lt G. R. Bond and Miss A. M. Hodges

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Bond, of Goulceby, Lincolnshire, and Annette, daughter of the late Sqn Ldr D. N. Hodges and of Mrs S. D. Hodges, of Louth, Lincolnshire.

Dr I. M. Mettam and Miss F. M. Tillyard

The engagement is announced between Ian MacRae, son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Mettam, of Fetcham, Surrey, and Francesca, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs S. A. Tillyard, of Billingshurst, Sussex.

Mr J. P. Gibbs and Miss P. A. Scott-Fox

The engagement is announced between Lieut Julian Gibbs, The Queen's Regiment, younger son of Professor and Mrs Norman Gibbs, of Delwood, Guildford, Surrey, and Penny, youngest daughter of Commander and Mrs Charles Scott-Fox, of Ayshford House, Tiverton, Devon.

Mr D. E. Ross and Miss M.-T. Webster

The engagement is announced between Pilot Officer Donald Ewen Ross, elder son of Colonel D. I. Ross, late R.A.M.C., and Mrs Ross, of Aberdeen and BMH Berlin, and Marie-Thérèse, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Webster, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr J. F. P. Lloyd-Jones and Miss S. L. Brooks

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of the late Col. John Lloyd-Jones and of Mrs Mary Lloyd-Jones, of Ash Vale, Aldershot, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Brooks, of Eastbourne.

Mr P. M. G. Morley and Miss D. J. K. Ng

The engagement is announced between Peter Michael Geoffrey Morley, of Sydney, Australia, elder son of Mrs P. Morley, of Scarborough, and the late Captain H. Morley, and Dorothy Jui Kiang, younger daughter of Mrs L. J. S. Ng, of Singapore, and the late Mr K. T. Ng.

Mr K. Vass and Miss F. M. Sandilands

The engagement is announced between Kevin, second son of Mr C. Vass, of Catford, and Mrs I. Watts, of Dulwich, and Fiona Margaret, only daughter of Dr and Mrs G. A. H. Sandilands, of Wollaton, Nottingham.

Mr T. A. McIlevey and Miss S. M. Peploe-Williams

The engagement is announced between Thomas Anton McIlevey, of Elmley Lodge, Old Church Road, Harborne, Birmingham, and Sara Margaret Peploe-Williams, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peploe-Williams, of 83, Wendover Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Mr R. C. D. Brown and Mrs P. A. Hamilton

The engagement is announced between Russell Clive Douglas Brown, F I C S, of Green Lane House, Green Lane, Burnham, Buckinghamshire, widower of Mrs Madeleine Mary Brown, and Mrs Patricia Ann Hamilton, of 1, The Grange, Green Lane, Burnham, widow of Mr Jack Hamilton. The marriage will take place on June 1.

Mr A. R. Black and Miss L. M. Swainston

The engagement is announced between Alan Robert, son of Mr and Mrs C. H. Black, of Cobham, Surrey, and Louise Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. A. Swainston, of Fort Beaufort, South Africa, and Plymouth, Devon.

Mr W. J. Bracher and Miss S. L. Upshall

The engagement is announced between William John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Bracher, of Marnhull, Dorset, and Sarah Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Upshall, of Stour Row, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Mr R. S. Coates and Miss J. Wilson

The engagement is announced between Richard Coates, of Pinetree Glen, Westbourne, and Julie Wilson, of Napier Road, Ashford Common.

Mr R. M. Riiser and Miss J. A. Nicholson

The engagement is announced between Rolf, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Riiser, of Oslo, Norway, and Judith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Nicholson, of Esp Hill, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.

Mr J. Stokes and Miss C. Williams

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs J. Stokes, of Brentwood, and Cathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Williams, of Romford.

Mr J. H. Irwin and Miss J. E. S. Brown

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Irwin, of Emmer Green, Reading, and Joanne, elder daughter of Mr R. G. Brown, of Kendal, Cumbria, and Mrs L. Robinson, of Wimborne Minster, Dorset.

ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL BALL

The St George's Hospital Ball will be held at Grosvenor House on April 26. Further details may be obtained from Dr T. R. Gould tel: 01-672 1255, ext. 4914.

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

Quinquagesima—Seventh Sunday Before Easter

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Mattins, Rt Rev. James Thompson, Bishop of Stepney; 11.30 Holy Communion (Taverner's Playnsong Mass); 3.15 Evensong, Ven. F. W. Harvey, Archdeacon of London (Palestrina).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 Mattins, Canon Trevor Beeson (Stanford in C); 11.40 HC; 3 Evensong, Rev. John Williams, Chaplain, Queen's Chapel of the Savoy (Purcell); 5.55 Organ, Barry Birkett; 6.30 Evening Service: Canon Sebastian Charles.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Canon Peter Penwarden (Byrd, Mass for Three Voices); 3 Canon Peter Penwarden (Dyson in F).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Deaconess Kate Ricketts.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: 8 & 5.15 HC; 10.20 Said Mattins; 11 The Vicar; 6 Rev. I. S. W. Young.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 9.30 HC; 11 & 6.30 Rev. George Hoffman, World Need Sunday.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Rd: 8 HC; 11 Rev. J. D. Irvine; 6.30 Rev. John Collins.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet St: 8.30 HC; 11 Canon John Oates; 6.30 Rev. Wallace Boulton.

ST CLEMENT DANES, Strand: 11 Resident Chaplain; 8.30 & 12.15 HC.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: 11 Rev. Alan Tuff; 8.15 & 12.15 HC.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30 & 11.15 The Vicar; 6.30 Rev. P. M. Arnold.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: 8 HC (1662 Prayer Book); 9.45 Family Communion, Rev. Fred Stevens; 11.30 Mr Norman Ingram-Smith; 12.30 HC (1662 Prayer Book); 4.15 Choral Evensong; 6.30 Folk Mass, Rev. Charles Hedley.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam St.: 11 Mr Ambrose Mason (HC); 6.30 Mr Jonathan Stephens.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet St.: 8.30 HC; 11.15 The Master.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL, Savoy Hill: 11.15 Rev. Leslie Harman; 12.30 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Canon D. C. Gray.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Tower of London: 11 The Chaplain; 12.15 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 The Chaplain; 3.30 Evensong.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: 11 Rev. R. W. Stevens; 12 HC.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 Rev. Felix Boyse.

CROWN COURT (C-of-S), Covent Garden: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev. John Miller Scott.

ST COLUMBA'S (C-of-S), Pont St.: 11 Very Rev. Dr J. Fraser McLuskey; 6.30 Rev. W. A. Cairns.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (Sung), 12, 5.30, 7.

FARM STREET: Masses 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin), 12.15, 4.15, 6.15.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Rd.: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7.

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST: 11 & 6.30 Dr Howard Williams.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 & 6.30 Rev. Roy Dorey.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL: 11 & 6.30 Rev. Dr R. John Tudor.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11 Rev. Dr Ronald C. Gibbins.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 & 6.30 Rev. Dr R. T. Kendall.

WEDDING

Mr P. H. B. Clarkson and Miss R. C. Hulley

The marriage took place quietly on Feb. 15, in Harrogate, between Mr Peter H. B. Clarkson, of Woodlands, Bishop Thornton, and Miss Rosemary C. Hulley, of Staniforth House, Tickhill, Doncaster.

SERVICE DINNERS

7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

Officers of the 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery held their 28th reunion dinner last night in the RA Mess, Woolwich. Maj.-Gen. C. G. Cornock was guest of honour. Maj.-Gen. T. S. C. Streatfield, Maj.-Gen. P. T. Tower and Maj.-Gen. T. A. Richardson attended and the Commanding Officer, Lt-Col N. W. F. Richards, presided.

No 12 (Bomber) Squadron

No 12 (Bomber) Squadron held a dinner in the Officers' Mess, RAF Lossiemouth, last night to mark the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Squadron. Wing Commander M. J. Engwell presided and other speakers were Squadron Leader P. B. Townsend, Group Captain A. E. Dark and the President of the Wickenby Register, Mr John Wilkin. Mr Arthur Lee made a presentation to the Squadron on behalf of the Wickenby Register.

Depot and Training Regiment RCT

Lt-Col L. H. Brown and officers of the Depot and Training Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, entertained their ladies at a St Valentine's dinner night at Farnham Castle, Surrey, last night. The principal guests were Maj-Gen. D. H. Braggins, Brig. P. J. Palmer and Mr Patrick Lloyd. Major D. P. Hutton-Dunton, presided.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Derek Gillman, "The lions and the dragon," 11.30; "Chinese Buddhist sculpture," 1.15.

Horniman Museum: Persia ... Vivienne Sharp, "Art and Archaeology of Persia" (colour slides), 3.30.

National Gallery: Felicity Woolf, "Painters' fantasies? Portraits by Ingres and Delacroix," 12.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Princess Anne, Patron of the Home Farm Trust, attends a charity evening at the London Palladium.

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Victoria & Albert Museum: Sarah Bowler, "Van Dyck and the English Baroque," 3.30.

St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham St: Bach Vespers, 7.

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DINNERS

Her Majesty's Government

The Hon. George Younger, M.P., Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a dinner given last night at Edinburgh Castle by Her Majesty's Government for Scottish University Principals.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

The biennial Hunterian banquet of the Royal College of Surgeons of England was held on Thursday at the College. Prof. Sir Geoffrey Slaney, President of the College, was in the chair and the other speakers were Lord Hunter of Newington, Prof. A. J. Harding Rains and Prof. Donald Campbell, who had earlier given the Hunterian Oration. Others present were

The Ambassador of Thailand, Viscount Leverhulme, Mr Kenneth Clarke, M.P., and Prof. Sir Randolph Quirk.

Hunterian Society

The Hunterian Society held its anniversary dinner at the Savoy on Thursday. The President, Dr W. J. C. Currie, was in the chair and the principal guests were Lord Elwyn-Jones and Baroness Warnock, Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge.

London Old Mountaineers

The annual dinner of the London Old Mountaineers was held last night at the Law Society's Hall. The guest of honour was Lord Chapple, who was accompanied by Lady Chapple. Also present were Father John Grumitt, S. J., Headmaster of Mount St Mary's College, and the President of the Mount Association, Mr Laurie Ryder, who was in the chair.

DULWICH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Dulwich College Preparatory School celebrates its centenary this year and a number of events are being arranged to which Old Boys will be particularly welcome. These include a concert in the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on Monday, March 18 and an Old Boys' dinner on Saturday, June 8. Old Boys are asked to write to the school at 42, Alleyn Park, S.E.21, for further details.

SHAFTESBURY HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

The final reunion of Shaftesbury High School Old Girls Association will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at Over-Seas House, St James's Street. Members attending the meeting should inform Miss E. C. M. Fraser, 51, Grosvenor Road, Shaftesbury, Dorset, by Feb. 23.

SATURDAY COLUMN

Author, author!

PAUL JOHNSON, disturbed by 'Coriolanus' feels the need of a Shakespeare to handle today's mob

RECENTLY I spent an absorbing evening at the National Theatre, seeing Shakespeare's great political tragedy "Coriolanus." The play ran for three-and-a-half hours, and it makes no concessions to popular taste.

Most of it is serious argument, sometimes couched in obscure language (Coriolanus is accused: "He lurched all swords of the garland," a phrase which arrested even Ben Jonson). Moreover, in this production the cast is dressed in an uneasy mixture of lounge suits, gangster-gear, togas and Renaissance armour, and bangs about with swords and bucklers, so that when, in the last minutes, the hero is shot, the anachronistic surprise almost ruins the climax. Nevertheless, the performance holds one throughout and provokes furious thought, a tribute to superb acting, fine direction, and above all to Shakespeare's text.

What is Coriolanus about? It is about the fickle and easily-misled mob, and the great man who despises it. I do not think it has a partisan, still less an ideological, message, though many have tried to impose one on the text. Bertholt Brecht presented it in a Marxist version in the 1950s.

Twenty years before a Comedie Français production, on the eve of the Stavisky *affaire*, provoked demonstrations in Paris. But then the French love turning theatre into politics: I well remember the hullabaloo which greeted Sartre's "Nekrasov." Perhaps more surprisingly, Hazlitt — a sober critic, as a rule — delivered himself of this fevered comment:

> Anyone who studies "Coriolanus" may save himself the trouble of reading Burke's "Reflections," or Paine's "Rights of Man," or the debates in both Houses of Parliament since the French Revolution or our own. The arguments for and against aristocracy or democracy, on the privileges of the few and the claims of the many, on liberty and slavery, power and the abuse of it, peace and war, are here very ably handled, with the spirit of a poet and the acuteness of a philosopher.

These extravagant remarks are quoted in the NT programme note, an even more foolish effusion, which brings in Hitler, Stalin, France, Amin and I don't know who else. I recommend instead the introduction which A. L. Rowse has contributed to his new edition of the play, in the Contemporary Shakespeare Series published by the University Press of America. This makes all the right points, without exaggeration.

Shakespeare distrusted the mob and doubtless feared it too. Shortly before the play was written, in 1608, there were agrarian riots in the Midlands where, as Rowse notes, Shakespeare was now a landowner. He must also have remembered the dangerous volatility of the London populace, which first hero-worshipped Essex, then deserted him.

Perhaps Shakespeare had Ralegh, Cecil, Essex and other great courtiers in mind when he has a character say: "There have been many great men that have flattered the people, who never loved them; and there are many that they have loved, they know not wherefore. So that, if they love they know not why, they hate upon no better a ground."

But if Shakespeare feared the mob, and believed in rule by wise élites, he was as always fair-minded. His Coriolanus is not a true hero: he is an unreasonable man, whose undoubted virtues are hopelessly marred by his arrogant unwillingness to make the effort to conciliate the populace he despises. In this sense, Shakespeare is saying, Coriolanus and those like him are unfit to rule. The wise man, in a way the real hero of the play, is the old Senator Menenius, who understands the necessity for compromise in politics.

Shakespeare distrusted the mob, but unlike Coriolanus he did not despise it. He saw the mob as without malice, a victim of manipulators. Those he really hated — the enemies of a just and stable society — were the scheming tribunes of the people, Velutus and Sicinius Brutus, the equivalents of today's Scargills.

The message that Menenius preaches, on Shakespeare's behalf, is that a national leader who shows a bit of understanding of how ordinary people think and react, and who is prepared to be flexible and use oratorical skills adapted to a popular audience, can always lead the people in the right direction, without compromising on any essential, least of all national security. This, after all, had been the lesson of Queen Elizabeth's career and rule. As William Camden put it, she had "held the most stout and warlike nation of the English four and forty years and upwards, not only in awe and duty, but even in peace also."

She had done this not by tyranny, still less by sacrificing political principle, but by using the right words and gestures, and by appealing to the better nature and inherent decency of the common people; as she told Parliament, "I have reigned with your loves." Shakespeare had witnessed this. He knew the thing could be done. So Coriolanus was wrong, though—as Shakespeare is fair to everyone—he is presented as a noble fellow all the same.

Of course Shakespeare was dealing with a populace which was ignorant, superstitious and largely uneducated—inflamable material for demagogues to ignite. Today the British people are better instructed, much better off and more sophisticated than in the early 17th century. They have the same instinct for decency which Shakespeare detected, but they are not so easily deceived.

If Shakespeare were alive today I suspect he would have an altogether higher opinion of their fitness to make political judgments and not least to detect the rogues who try to mislead them. The ordinary working people of this country are seldom wrong when they finally make up their minds about an issue or a public personality.

The mob which is easily deceived today—which wants and even begs to be deceived—is the Polytechnocracy, that middle-class hydra, half-educated and highly opinionated, which swarms across the public stage today, howling, whining, demonstrating and rioting. Open its collective head and you will find it stuffed with yellowed clippings from the GUARDIAN and NEW SOCIETY, pin-ups of Tisdall and Ponting, postcards from Greenham Common, secret Belgrano documents, Bishop Tutu's sermons, Castro's speeches, Benn's potted history, Kinnock's multi-racial jokes, all jumbled together in hopeless confusion, the accumulated rubbish of decades of self-deception, propaganda and sheer ignorance. Here indeed is the modern rabble in all its destructive idiocy, and would we had a Shakespeare to anatomise it.

£11,210 for light from the deep

By ALISON BECKETT Art Sales Correspondent

A PORCELAIN night light made in the shape of a recumbent cat and lately salvaged from 40 metres down in the South China Sea was sold at Christie's in Amsterdam for £11,210.

The five-inch-long figure with a mottled powder blue glaze and eyes, ears and mouth pierced to reveal the glow of a burning light was the star of the last part of the Hatchard collection which sold out at £255,670.

It dated from about 1640 and realised four times as much as expected, as did many other lots despite the size of the collection which comprised some 23,000 items, the rest of which was sold last year.

They were rescued by Capt Hatchard of Singapore and appeared to be the commercial load of a junk en route for a south-east Asian port and thence to Europe. Probably sunk in a storm, they have provided a remarkable new source of information about Transitional wares between the Ming and Qing dynasties.

TRAVELLING ZOO

Animal pictures

At Bonham's in London yesterday two 1830 examples of "Wombwell's Managerie" by the Staffordshire potter Obadiah Sherratt depicting the famous travelling zoo sold well above estimate for £6,000 and £12,000, the higher price being for the smaller, rarer eight-inch-high piece.

Bonham's animal picture sale held to coincide with Crufts week was also a great success with a total of £278,155. One of the best bids was £4,000 for Florence Jay's portrait early this century of Lhasa, the first Tibetan spaniel exported to Britain.

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Latest Wills

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MATTHEWS, C. W., Seaford, East Sussex, retired farmer	357,300
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PALMER, Mrs Olive M., Exeter, Devon	202,431
PEROLLS, Mrs Ellen C., Bexley, Kent	185,644
SHARPE, H. D., Stanford in the Vale, Oxfordshire, retired farmer	613,482
WELHAM, Mrs Blanche K., Racton, Suffolk	250,570
WESTLAKE, Mrs Helene K., Foscote, Northants	432,738

CIRCUIT JUDGES

Mr Brian Farrer, QC, 54, and Mr Michael Coombe, 54, have been appointed circuit judges. Mr Farrer is being assigned to the Midland and Oxford circuit and Mr Coombe to the South Eastern circuit.

PoWs IN TRIP TO FAR EAST

FORMER prisoners of war, veterans and widows of men who died in the Far East during the 1939-45 War were invited yesterday to join a Government-sponsored pilgrimage in November.

Details are still to be finalised, but the trip will take place during the first half of November around Remembrance Sunday.

It will show that commemoration of the end of the war in Europe on May 8 also marks V J-Day — the end of the war in the Far East.

The Government has asked the Royal British Legion to organise the trip, following its organisation of the D-Day Pilgrimage last year.

A spokesman asked people to apply to the Legion at 48, Pall Mall, marking their envelope "Far East Visit."

War widows

Applicants must be fit enough to travel unaccompanied, although medical cover will be provided.

The trip is separate from the £150,000 Government-aided pilgrimage scheme for war widows, which begins this year.

Hundreds of widows have already applied to the Legion, the official organisers, to join the pilgrimages, and it was disclosed yesterday that the first specialist pilgrimage will be to southern Italy from May 6 to 13.

It is expected that pilgrimages will follow at the rate of one or two a month, and the Legion stressed it was not concerned with the 1939-45 war alone.

Obituary

WALTER FORSTER

Walter Leslie Forster, who has died at Montreal aged 81, was a petroleum engineer who organised the destruction of the Burma oil refineries in 1942 as the Japanese advanced. He also helped plan the bombing of the Rumanian refineries at Ploesti in August 1943.

In the summer of 1944 he was appointed to reorganise the Allied bombing strategy for enemy oil targets in Europe. This programme achieved spectacular success.

He graduated from Leeds University in 1924 and next year joined Shell. In 1940 he was in Rumania and with other British engineers was arrested by the pro-Nazi government and expelled.

He reached Cairo and was sent on special military oil missions to the Middle East, the Soviet Union and Burma. There he was appointed a C.B.E. for his leadership and bravery and he also gained the American Legion of Merit.

In 1946 he went to Bogota as general manager of Shell's companies in Columbia. From 1947 until 1952 he was general manager in Venezuela, when he resigned and moved to Canada where he was active in the fast-growing oil industry.

Dorothea, Countess of Mansfield and Mansfield, who has died aged 78 in Jamaica, was the widow of Mungo, the seventh earl, whom she married in 1928 and who died in 1971. She was Dorothea Helena, daughter of Sir Lancelot Carnegie, a former Ambassador to Portugal.

SHUN RELIGION, SAYS NEW HEAD OF DARTINGTON

By Our Education Staff

Dr Brian Nicholson, 41, the new headmaster of Dartington Hall, the progressive school, near Totnes, Devon, wants his pupils to shun religion. "I am not, nor do I follow any creed. I want the pupils to develop their own personalities so that they can stand alone against this materialistic world."

Following any particular creed is unintelligent, says Dr Nicholson, whose predecessor, Dr Lyn Blackshaw, was forced to leave after nude photographs of himself and his wife were printed in newspapers.

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ART — TERENCE MULLALY

The St Ives school

MUCH of what is best about art in Britain is to be found in the work of the painters, sculptors and potters of St Ives as the Tate Gallery demonstrates with the exhibition "St Ives 1939-64."

It is a curious exhibition—indeed I doubt whether even those most closely involved, intimately familiar with the oeuvre of Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth, can have known exactly what the final impression would be. Seldom can the ethos of a place—the almost tangible sense of great expanses of sea and sky conditioning the interplay upon one another of individuals at once richly talented and aggressively idiosyncratic—have produced, within a few years, so much that is rewarding both to the mind and to the heart.

A feature of art in Britain, in part due to the country's small size and easy communications, is that British painting does not divide up into clearly defined schools. The most obvious exception to this, in the second half of the 18th century and the 19th century, was the Norwich School, but there have been few others.

Art was too firmly in the service of limited social classes and they too secure in their social conventions, whether derived from the fashionable drawing-rooms of London, the country house or the new riches of industry, for regional character to leave an imprint on art.

Yet something magical has happened in St Ives. Up until now for those who were in no way involved there has been a feeling which one thought perhaps ought to be suppressed, that there was something a trifle precious about the artistic reputation of St Ives; a tendency has grown up to talk about the place almost with bated breath. This exhibition makes both reactions seem silly. The achievements of St Ives should be trumpeted from the roof tops.

It should be evident that only a singular exhibition could have shown this. Indeed here is a perfect exhibition for the Tate. This is a moment when clear-headedness about our national collections and what they can achieve is needed. The Tate's modern collection is formidable. This is undoubted, whatever one may think about purchasing policy in recent years and in some respects I find it faulty. Yet the gallery is at the moment being left behind by certain of its rivals over-seas. The reason is simple. The Tate's purchase income is not sufficient for it to establish the collection it should have.

The Tate is thorough with the St Ives exhibition in the fullest possible sense carrying out its role. The exhibition and its catalogue establish, beyond argument, the extraordinary merits of what happened in St Ives. Beyond this didactic point a major service has been rendered to scholarship. The weighty catalogue (£8·50 during the exhibition, £11·95 after April 14), contains detailed chronology, biographical notes and an array of photographs, including many of the artists of St Ives.

Not far away in Newlyn, towards the end of the 19th century, Stanhope Forbes, Frank Bramley, H. S. Tuke and a few others established something like a school: we remember "A Hopeless Dawn," "The Health of the Bride" and other now largely forgotten, once treasured paintings. Yet despite their contemporary fame their merits pale beside that of the work of the best of the St Ives artists, sculptors and potters.

How they influenced one another, what other forces conditioned their work, how Ben Nicholson and Christopher Wood discovered Alfred Wallis, the "primitive" untaught painter who was to influence the sophisticated, these things and much else are set out in the catalogue and demonstrated by this exhibition.

We should make value judgments. There are negligible artists better forgotten like John Wells, but four figures — Naum Gabo, Barbara Hepworth, Ben Nicholson and Peter Lanyon — stand out. We still need to define just what major artists they are, how they touch deep levels of understanding and feeling. Yet beyond such an awareness there is something else.

Here is an exhibition inducing a subtle yet persuasive sense of well-being. This may seem strange, for the use of paint is often vigorous and many find much that is on view ambiguous. They must allow the spell to work. There is a freshness and a purity rare in modern art about the best work done in St Ives. A cool beauty fills the galleries of this memorable exhibition.

TOWNSCAPE — GAVIN STAMP

From Hell, Hull and . . .

THE approach to Halifax by rail is dramatic. The train from Leeds emerges from the neo-Norman portal of a long tunnel and as it swings round to the station a skyline of spires and a few surviving factory chimneys comes into view, all set against a background of rugged hills of millstone grit.

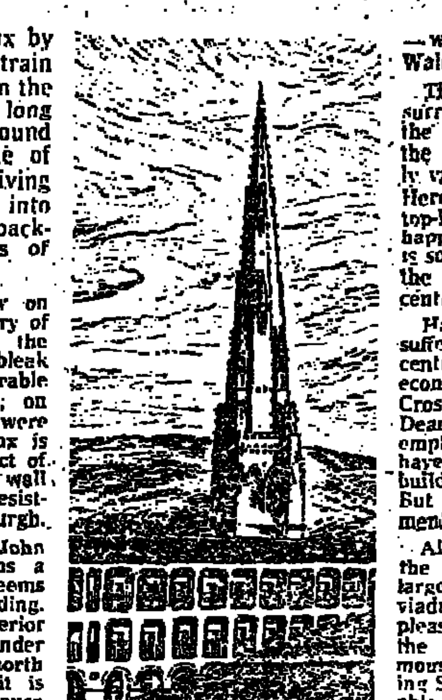
Halifax lies in a valley on the Hebble river, a tributary of the Calder, and although the surrounding country is bleak this setting proved admirable for the making of cloth; on which the town's fortunes were based for centuries. Halifax is built of stone and the effect of streets being closed by a wall of mountain beyond is irresistibly reminiscent of Edinburgh.

The Parish Church of St John is late mediaeval and has a rugged character which seems appropriate in the West Riding. Its powerful, weathered exterior is still black — a lone reminder of what the industrial north once was — and inside it is dark as well, chiefly because the ancient plaster was hacked off the walls in the foolish restoration of the 1870s, but in the gloom fine woodwork can be found while some of the windows have beautiful leading of the 17th century.

Today the parish church is strangely diminutive, set as it is, in a low wasteland around the station. It was also deliberately overshadowed in the 1850s by the 235ft high steeple of the Square Congregational Church, built by the Crossley brothers. This church has gone but the spire survives. Sadly, ancient Halifax has been almost completely expunged.

The only other relic is a revolting one: a gibbet — the prototype of the guillotine—on which 53 unfortunate cloth stealers were beheaded between 1541 and 1650. Defoe (who lived in the town for a time) thought the crime rate had dropped as a result. "From Hell, Hull and Halifax, good Lord deliver us!" was said to be the thieves' litany.

From the 18th century a great monument does survive. The cloth manufacturers of Halifax decided to emulate Leeds, Bradford and Huddersfield and build a hall for the sale of cloth: a Piece Hall. It was opened in 1779 and was the largest in its day and is now one of the most unexpected and spectacular Georgian buildings in the



Piece Hall, Halifax

country. Outside it is nothing; inside it is a vast stone-flagged quadrangle, 10,000 square yards in area, surrounded on all sides by galleried buildings.

Because the site slopes, it is two storied on one side and three on the other, with a ground floor arcade supporting rusticated piers which again support the top floor Doric colonnade.

The character of Halifax today, however, is largely Victorian. The town expanded uphill to the west and there remains a wealth, of varied stone architecture, largely Classical in style. The period was dominated by the rivalry between munificent tycoons: the nonconformist Crossley brothers, who owned the great carpet works, and Edward Ackroyd, the Anglican worsted manufacturer. Both sides had their own favoured architects for the building essential in a proud northern town: the new Town Hall.

In the event neither won, for the great Sir Charles Barry was brought in and he, with his son Edward, designed the richly sculptured Italianate building with its unusual square spire which — on Crossley land —was opened by the Prince of Wales in 1863.

The Town Hall fits well into surrounding streets, as does the scale and pattern of the the Borough Market, a properly vulgar building of the 1890s. Here is one of those large iron top-lit halls which is still, happily, full of bustling life and is so much more congenial than the obligatory new shopping centre nearby.

Halifax has, of course, suffered the usual mid-20th century traumas. Its traditional economy has collapsed and the Crossleys' huge carpet factory, Dean Clough Mills, is today empty. And the usual mistakes have been made. Too many fine buildings have been bulldozed But there are positive achievements as well.

Although tower blocks spoil the hills, the high level (and largely unnecessary) road viaducts over the river are pleasantly dramatic while, at the other end of their eponymous town, the Halifax Building Society have built a remarkable new headquarters. It is a huge polygon of darkened glass raised up on piers, a positive contribution to the town.

Halifax seems at last to have realised that it desperately needs its surviving old buildings: they are an asset for the future. The symbol of hope at present is a great church steeple above the town, now swathed in scaffolding. It is All Souls', Haley Hill, built by Ackroyd in the suburb for his factory workers—Ackroydon—which he laid out near his own home, Bankfield (now a museum).

To outdo the Crossleys, he employed *Sir Gilbert Scott* who, because money was no object, designed what he later described as "on the whole my best church." It is a richly-sculptured and sumptuously fitted out work of the 1850s.

In the 1970s All Souls' seemed doomed. Stone decay threatened the structure while the incumbent, with that trendy defeatism so typical of the Church of England, decided to move out to a hut over the road. So the Friends of All Souls', Haley Hill, stepped in and now, with both private and public money, this magnificent building is being restored.

It shows what can be done, even in a fine but depressed town like Halifax. Perhaps one day the C. of E. will come to its senses and ask to use All Souls' again for its proper and intended use.

MUSIC

Boulez: a man with two roles

By ROBERT HENDERSON

LAST Sunday Pierre Boulez conducted the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Singers in a concert broadcast on Radio 3 in which Webern's Orchestral Pieces op 6 and 10 framed three works by Schoenberg, his Pieces for male chorus op 35, "Kol Nidre" and "Modern Psalm." Early next month, and a few days before his 60th birthday, he returns to London to conduct the same orchestra at the Festival Hall in his own "Rituel in memoriam Bruno Maderna," followed by Stravinsky, Webern and Berg. Both have long been identified as very characteristic Boulez programmes.

During the period of his most intense conducting activity he may have extended his repertory to include Haydn and Schubert, Wagner and even Mahler, who he once caustically dismissed, along with Strauss and Tchaikovsky, as being among the snivellers or cry-babies of music. But it has always been the 20th-century's great seminal masters that have formed the hard core of the typical Boulez concert.

Every generation, he observed in *one of his youthful* articles, is instantly defined by its attitude to, and relationship with, its parents. And for those composers who like Boulez were born in the mid-1920s, such as Stockhausen, Henze or Berio, who also reaches his 60th birthday later in the year, that musical parentage was a particularly formidable one, dominated by the major figures — Debussy, Stravinsky, Schoenberg, Berg, Webern and Bartok — who between them forged the inescapable, immediately recognisable language and syntax of what is now conveniently known as the Modern Movement.

As it emerges from a reading of his many analytical and polemical essays, Boulez's own intellectual stance in the face of the century's grand masters has been one of a maturely clear-sighted ambivalence. Summing up Bartok's achievement in an article published in 1958, he concluded that it possessed neither the profound unity and novelty of Webern, the rigour of Schoenberg, the complexity of Berg, nor the controlled dynamism of Stravinsky.

But though lacking internal coherence, its language triumphs precisely because of its ambiguity, its stylistic equilibrium between a popular music and a learned music, between the diatonic and the chromatic, combining in its finest pages, in the first and second piano concertos or middle period quartets, extreme tension with an almost savage violence.

In Berg, with whom he seems to have an especially close temperamental affinity, what interests him least are just those qualities, the romanticism, the attachment to tradition and links with a typically Viennese past, that have received the greatest attention. What fascinates him is Berg's virtuoso handling of formal symmetries, his apparent need to push form to such a degree of complexity that it is impossible to think of advancing further along that route, his counter-balancing of the dramatic and emotional with the most self-conscious internal rigour.

Similarly with Schoenberg, he "is fascinating as long as he is free with regard to language and when his post-romantic aesthetic coincides with that freedom." But from the time of his discovery of the series, there "seems to have been a distortion between technique as such and an academic restraint that he felt to be a guarantee."

Even when writing from a position of ruthless criticism, however, when leading a public demonstration against the neo-classical works of Stravinsky, or publishing his once notorious "Schoenberg is Dead," he has never fallen into the easy trap of underestimating the distinctive nature and significance of those influential father-figures whose music, as a conductor, he has probably done more than anyone else to elucidate.

In his hands Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" is not simply an orgy of rhythm and colour, but a taut, tensely controlled, above all highly articulate ordered growth in which excitement is created precisely through the music's subtly placed inner relationships. Again, Debussy's "Jeux," as conducted by Boulez, becomes something much more than a vague wash of sensuous sound. What it brings to light is the music's strength, those fine gradations and subtly linked conditions that hold the images together through their multiple transformations, establishing a fluid, many-faceted texture in which the images appear unobtrusively and quickly submerge again in a spontaneous movement that reflects exactly Debussy's own analogy with the legendary tree whose buds all suddenly burst forth at once.

Asked in a television interview if his conducting had affected his composition his reply was an emphatic "Yes"; asked to explain just how, his answer was an equally emphatic "No."

If such interaction remains as yet unknown, and perhaps even inexplicable, one direct link between Boulez the conductor and Boulez the composer is the way in which his insistence on order and structure, while preserving the music's essential mystery, in his conducting of the formative composers of the earlier years of the century has reorientated our ways of listening. He smoothed the path towards an easier assimilation of his own work and that of his contemporaries by clarifying and consistently illuminating one of the most crucial differences between the music of the past and that of the present.

For whereas, in the most general terms, the tonal music of the Western classical tradition described a "simple trajectory traced between a point of departure and a point of arrival," emphasising in its predilection for the closed form the Euclidean principle that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, today's music has turned more and more "towards a search for a relative universe, towards a permanent discovery, comparable to a permanent revolution."

"No longer is today's music a source of passive contemplation, but a fluid, incomplete, constantly expanding universe, exemplified by a labyrinth of a thousand and one secret corridors. Or as he put it another way in the magazine REALITIES 20 years ago, music "is not a vase from which the composer pours his feelings drop by drop, but a labyrinth of which one never exhausts the entrances and exits, the discovery of new routes or the mystery."

BRIDGE — G. C. H. FOX

LAST month's DAILY TELEGRAPH Cup provided a most exciting finish, Sussex winning by one point from Berkshire/Buckinghamshire.

There were several spectacular hands of which this one occurred in the match between Norfolk and Surrey B.

Dealer—West. East-West vul:

North: ♠ 10 3 ♥ A K Q 10 5 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ K 3 2

West: ♠ 2 ♥ J 9 8 7 6 3 ♦ A K 3 ♣ 9 7 6

East: ♠ K Q J 8 6 ♥ — ♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2 ♣ 4

South: ♠ A 9 7 5 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ — ♣ A Q J 10 8 5

With Norfolk North-South the bidding was:

S.	W.	N.	E.
	2♥	—	—
3♣	—	3NT	—

West opened with a weak two hearts, showing a six card suit and 6-10 high card points. East decided to pass as the hand appeared to be a misfit and South bid 3♣ (natural). North converted to 3NT against which East led ♠K and 11 tricks were made for a score of 460. On a diamond lead the defence would take the first seven tricks.

At the other table with Surrey North-South the bidding was:

S.	W.	N.	E.
	—	1♥	2NT
3♣	3♦	3♥	4♦
4♥	Dbl:	—	4♠
Dbl:	5♦	Dbl:	—

East's 2NT indicated a two suited hand. An alternative bid would be 2♥, a Michaels Cue Bid indicating at least five cards in the other major (spades) with an unspecified minor.

Against 5♦ doubled North led ♣2 to ♣A and the heart return was ruffed in dummy. Next came ♣K, taken with ♠A, and another heart, ruffed by dummy. A low trump to the ace disclosed the 3-0 split and the contract was one down, Surrey gaining 200.

Double dummy, that is to say with knowledge of all four hands, 5♦ can be made. After ruffing the second heart a low spade is ruffed with ♦K, dummy re-entered with a club ruff and the other low spade ruffed with ♦A. Now ♦3 is led and ♦9 finessed and north's trumps are drawn with ♦Q.

There is still a great need for fully qualified teachers. The fact that you may play Pairs at your local club twice a week and always finish first or second does not mean that you will necessarily be a good teacher. You must be able to convey to total beginners who have never played any other card game except Rummy and Old Maid the things that are obvious to you.

To pass the written examination you need a basic knowledge of Acol, including both weak and strong no trump, and a reasonable knowledge of play and defence. Having passed the written exam there is an oral that is designed to test your ability to convey your knowledge to others. To assist you in this training, courses are held over two week ends, May 4-5 and May 18-19. The written examination is on Saturday, June 8.

The current issue of ENGLISH BRIDGE makes the point that some of the best players are lost when it comes to facing a class, while many quite moderate players make first-class teachers. Yet it is a qualification for attending a training course that you hold an E.B.U. Master Points Certificate for the rank of Master (50 master points) plus a letter of recommendation from your County Association Secretary. It is doubtful whether the "quite moderate players" who are potentially first-class teachers can possibly fulfil the qualification to attend a training course.

The fee for the training course is £50 including V.A.T. The fee for the written examination and oral is £20. It is permissible to enter the examination without attending a training course, but it is not permitted to take the training course and not enter the exam.

Full details can be obtained from Mrs R. Lederer, 5 Ellis Avenue, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

CHESS — B. H. WOOD

THE 48th world championship match game deserves a further perusal though its length precludes deep analysis.

Petroff Defence

Kasparov White	Karpov Black
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-KB3
3 NxP	P-Q3
4 N-KB3	NxP
5 P-Q4	P-Q4
6 B-Q3	N-QB3
7 Castles	B-K2
8 P-B4	N-B3

Back to normal, from the 8 ... N-N5 Kasparov played in game 41.

9 N-B3	Castles
10 P-KR3	PxP
11 BxBP	N-QR4

This and his previous move represent a new treatment, which hardly impresses. The knight goes to an inferior square, driving the bishop to a better one. And if there's a player who doesn't bother about having an isolated queen's pawn, it's Kasparov.

12 B-Q3	B-K3
13 R-K1	N-B3
14 P-R3	P-QR3
15 B-KB4	Q-Q2

Almost forcing the elimination of all the knights, and the QP.

16 N-K5	NxN
17 PxN	N-Q4
18 NxN	BxN
19 Q-B2	P-KN3
20 QR-Q1	P-QB3
21 B-R6	KR-Q1
22 P-K6	

Possibly the winning move. Did Karpov overlook it? It transforms the game.

22 ...	PxP

22 ... BxKP would lose a pawn and wreck his king's side. Even now, this happens.

23 BxNP	B-B1
24 BxB	RxB
25 B-K4	R-B2

If 25 ... BxB, then 26 QxB wins the KP.

26 R(Q1)-Q3	R-N2

Not 26 ... BxB; 27 RxB, ready to hammer black king.

27 R(K1)-K3	R-KB1
28 R-KN3	K-R1
29 Q-B3	R(B1)-B2
30 R(Q3)-K3	K-N1
31 Q-K5	Q-B2

Karpov was running short of time and the rooks are a sensitive and inadequate cover for his king. Lastly, his bishop which might be well-placed if he were on the attack does not supply the support for his weak KP that it seems to.

32 RxRch	RxR

Now the KP falls with check.

33 BxB	QxQ

Forced: if 33 ... KPxB, 34 Q-K8 mate.

34 BxKPch	QxB
35 RxQ	

If the pawns were 2 v 2 and 3 v 2, Black might having drawing chances but, unbalanced as they are, it is hopeless for Black.

35 ...	R-Q2
36 P-QN4	K-B2

To 36 ... R-Q6, White could answer 37 R-K3.

37 R-K3	R-Q8ch
38 K-R2	R-QB8
39 P-N4	P-N4
40 P-B4	P-B4

Here the game was adjourned.

41 PxP	RxP
42 R-Q3	K-K2
43 K-N3	P-QR4
44 K-B3	P-N5
45 PxP	PxP
46 K-K4	R-QN4
47 R-QN3	R-N1

Kasparov makes it look easy (it is!).

48 K-Q5	K-B3
49 K-B5	R-K1
50 RxP	R-K6
51 P-R4	R-KR6
52 P-R5	R-R5
53 P-B5	

Karpov has forced the white pawns into as weak a configuration as possible but his rook and king are poorly placed compared with Kasparov's.

53 ...	R-R8
54 K-Q5	R-Q8ch
55 R-Q4	R-K8
56 K-Q6	R-K1
57 K-Q7	R-KN1
58 P-R6	K-B2
59 R-QB4	K-B3
60 R-K4	K-B2
61 K-Q6	K-B3
62 R-K6ch	K-B2

Or 62 ... K-N4 63 P-B6 K-N3 64 P-N5.

63 R-K7ch	K-B3
64 R-KN7	R-Q1ch

Or 64 ... RxR 65 PxR KxP 66 K-K7 etc.

65 K-B5	R-Q4ch

What's this? Ah, 66 ... KxR would be stalemate.

66 K-B4	R-Q5ch
67 K-B3	Resigns

BRAIN TWISTER

BT363: SOME anagrams are so apt that they really do not call for a clue at all; the anagram of itself makes a sufficiently pungent comment on the sought-for word or phrase to warrant the term "aptagram." The ten aptagrams below are arranged more or less in order of difficulty, and are accompanied by bracketed numbers indicating the number of letters in the word or phrase to which they refer.

REPEL IT (7)
LIFE'S AIM (8)
NINE THUMPS (10)
PARSON HIT ME (11)
TENDER NAMES (11)
GET A NO IN (8)
VOICES RANT ON (12)
I? MUST I? PLAINLY! (13)
ONE WAR CLEANS UP (7, 7)
A FAMOUS MAP THINS (7. 2. 6)

Remember each solution must make some reasonably appropriate comment on the word or phrase it is supposed to indicate.

How many can you solve?

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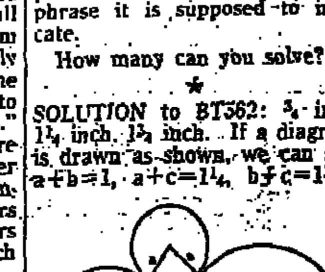
SOLUTION to BT362: $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. If a diagram is drawn as shown, we can say $a+b=1$, $a+c=1\frac{1}{4}$, $b+c=1\frac{1}{2}$.



This is a simple simultaneous equation from which the radii, a, b, c, can be evaluated at $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{7}{8}$.

D. St P. BARNARD

NATURE — MAURICE BURTON

IT WAS generally believed, in the years of static trench warfare, during the Great War, that if you had mice in the dugout you would not have rats, and vice-versa. The implication was that the two rodents were mutually exclusive, a sort of class distinction.

In recent years it has been found in many cities that mice have become a problem once rat control has been successful. The reason, which should have occurred even to non-scientific soldiery, is that rats will kill mice. They go further: they will hoard the mouse carcases, stacking them in neat piles, for later consumption.

An enthusiastic gardener once regaled me with the story of his broad beans, sown under cloches. Fieldmice removed the first sowing. He planted some more, put twigs of gorse over the seeds and set five mouse-traps among them.

The next day the traps had vanished. A search revealed they were now neatly stacked in a patch of leeks ten feet away. How the operation was carried out and how the mice—for presumably they were the culprits—managed to handle them without hurting themselves, remains a mystery.

People are not the only organisms that make neatness a fetish. Stoats and weasels have been reported to stack the bodies of their victims in neat and orderly piles. I once watched a domestic cat that had uncovered a litter of rats in the garden. It carried each baby rat, dead, a distance of 20ft down a garden path to lay them in a neat row on the ground. There were nine altogether, as neatly laid out as you or I could have done it.

ARTS REVIEWS

CONCERTS / London Sinfonietta

Audible landscape

"AH! It's one of those," I thought when the London Sinfonietta Voices started on the world premiere of Simon Bainbridge's "A Cappella" at St John Smith's Square. For it was not the first time that Stockhausen's "Stimmung" has inspired that kind of monotone Wa Wa Wa Wa Wa Wa Wo, Wo Wo, started off here by the bass Terry Edwards with his five colleagues gradually joining in and further resemblance, forming a mainly dominant ninth chord. Not until after nine out of the score's 16 pages did Rilke's poem make an appearance whose simile of music as the "transformation of feelings into audible landscape" had provided the inspiration.

Whereupon the lights dimmed and some repairs could be heard going on outside—to a metal tube, to various wood blocks, lasting far too long until the sound of a Small Ben ushered in relief. The electronic tape of Harrison Birtwistle's "Chronometer" is no "Triumph of Time," an orchestral work where his preoccupation with that vital dimension of the art had yielded more rewarding results.

Music does not enter into Maurizio Kagel's "Pas de Cinq," a cabaret turn where the score only prescribes — though in excruciating detail— the rhythm of the ensemble's steps and the tapping of their walking sticks. Producer Edwards had the inspired idea to dress up his five silent singers as identical dinner-jacketed dummies, thereby concealing his disrespect for the "composer's" insistence on a uni-sex cast.

How grateful one was, then, to encounter after all that a creative musical mind M Iannis Xenakis's "Thallein," a Sinfonietta commission and receiving its world premiere under Elgar Howarth. In his introductory remarks the composer himself absolved his listeners from any obligation to delve into the work's complex mathematical and philosophical background.

Certainly the originality and variety of these orchestral sheets of sound — the very opposite of any pointillism — *fully deserved their enthusiastic reception.*

Peter Stadlen

The Tallis Scholars

SINCE they were brought together in 1978 by their conductor Peter Phillips, the ten singers of the Tallis Scholars have acquired an enviable reputation as one of the most accomplished vocal ensembles specialising in the unaccompanied music of the renaissance.

During that time they have consistently proved their special affinity with, and profound understanding of, the processes and aspirations of the music of their chosen period in a wide and varied repertory. On Thursday night, however, they returned to what might be described as their home base, with the first of two Wigmore Hall concerts devoted to the composer from whom they have taken their name.

That common to all the works in this initial programme, however diverse their aims and the circumstances for which they were written, however ornately designed in the pre-Reformation Latin pieces, or simple and direct in the English anthem "Verily, verily," was their quietly fervent expression of a steadfastly untroubled faith, was at once an eloquent tribute to the performances and to Tallis's own innate and finely nurtured creative skills.

Whether flowing mellifluously together to create a sense of inwardly ecstatic devotion in "Ave Rosa," producing a succinct effect of the liveliest of praise in "Candidi facti," of simple gravity in "Te lucis" and the startlingly beautiful "In pace," or, in "Salve intemerata," moving imperceptibly through its subtly constrasted textures to the elaborate grandeur of its final Amen, Tallis's contrapuntal virtuosity is such that one is hardly even aware of it. For here the balance between ends and means, of musical craft and mystical expression, has attained a peak of perfection, making Tallis not only one of the greatest ornaments of English music but a worthy subject of celebration on the 400th anniversary of his birth.

Robert Henderson

'The Merry Widow'

By Our Arts Staff

New Sadler's Wells Opera are joining with Opera North to mount a new production of Franz Lehar's "The Merry Widow" which will open in London in the autumn and then visit Glasgow, Newcastle, Bath, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham, Hull and York.

The production has been made possible by a £40,000 deposited covenant from the Prudential Assurance Company, which under the Government's Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme should be eligible for tax recovery making the sponsorship worth £70,000.

New Sadler's Wells Opera is already supported by a four-year £400,000 grant from National Westminster Bank which is due to end this year.

A Tchaikovsky premiere

By Our TV and Radio Correspondent

Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2 will be given its first British performance in its original 1872 version by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Edward Downes at the Derngate Centre, Northampton, on March 14.

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions yesterday.

TELEVISION / The New Pacific

Bagwash hogwash

IT IS EIGHT years since Donald Eyre undertook "The Long Search." He travelled the world looking for faith, and found no evidence that God (if there is one) preferred any particular religion. On the human face of it, they all looked as valid as their believers believed. Eyre also showed, like Bronowski before him, that television about ideas needs a talking head.

Last night, lumbering into the same territory, followed Michael Macintyre's fifth exploration of *The New Pacific* (BBC-2). Here, it seems, the idea is to point the camera at the photogenic and hope that some reasonably fitting words can be assembled afterwards.

The sub-title was "Fifty Ways To Get Enlightenment," abstracted from a flip song written within the Oregon-centred cult of the preposterous Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. There is no doubt that the Bagwash, as narrator Peter France should have called him, is photogenic. So are his American followers, the self-styled "drop-outs from the top of culture."

In an effort to make a link from traditional religious observances to Bagwash hogwash, the narration speculated on the possibility of a "Pacific mind" amalgamating "the best" of Buddhism, Christianity and their various offshoots flourishing around the ocean. If this is the best that can be managed, mankind has every excuse for growing out of religion.

"Jesus Saves, Moses Invests, Bagwan Spends," goes a favourite slogan. No wonder the Bagwash grins like a cat before the cream as he reviews his saffron-clad followers from one of his 70 Rolls-Royces. The physical release of his followers is good to see, their attention to the Bagwash's video sermons is not.

If a message emerged from the visual impressions, it was that religions are inexplicably intermingled with the cultures out of which they emerge and to which they contribute. When Buddhism is imported to California, it looks as eccentric as Christianity imposed on primitive islanders far across the water.

The haunting sequences were those few showing religion which has flourished in its own place over the centuries. The Shinto monks in Japan left an extraordinary impression. The pleasing sequences involved those who have been fed an alien religion and adapted it to their own temperament.

Specially likeable were the Trobriand islanders. There was maybe some element of truth in the commentary assertion that English Protestants introduced them to the ritual of cricket in the hope of moderating their sexual exuberance. They have long since decided that the M C C game is dull, and have adopted it into a formal dance which apparently increases sexual desire.

Less independent-minded are the Huxtable family of New York, paraded in The Cosby Show (C-4). This newly purchased American series demonstrates that it is possible to invent a black middle-class family as silly as any to be found in a white sitcom. With Bill Cosby as the obstetrician Dad, serving as the resident butt, there are all kind of cuts and quite funny.

Sean Day-Lewis

Animators at the NFT

By Our TV and Radio Correspondent

The National Film Theatre is marking the declaration of 1985 as the International Year of Animation with a series of events beginning on Feb. 24 with a screening of "Animal Farm" attended by the makers of the film, John Halas and Joy Batchelor.

ART GALLERIES

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HATS TO CAUSE A FLUTTER . . .

By Ann Chubb

DAVID SHILLING, who is now spreading his talent to dress fabrics (for Maison Henry Bertrand) and porcelain (for Coalport), has launched his best ever collection of hats.

The milliner who found fame through the mad creations he has been designing for his mother Gertrude since he was a schoolboy has now grown up and calmed down. As he says himself: "Jokes are now old hat."

Instead he has many more smaller and sophisticated shapes: Bretons, sou'westers and Twenties-style cloches as well as the flower-laden platters for which he is famous.

His colour mixes are sensational: huge roses in pinks and mauves smother a big platter hat of palest pink. Another, even bigger, is in a mix of brilliant ochre yellow with royal blue and is decorated with sheaves of corn in the same shades, all hand-made in silk. Sometimes his pastel-coloured straws are spray painted for a subtle ombré effect, pale pink shading into gold for instance.

No feathers for Ascot this year according to this milliner. Instead there are flowers galore to play up the fashionable flower prints of mid-summer. His newest include waterlilies, passion flowers, laburnum and lupins.

But prettiest of all are those fluttering with tiny spotted butterflies that bob up and down on tiny twigs atop both skull caps and huge brimmed shapes.

A major theme is the transparent look, achieved either with meshy fabrics (again bobbing with butterflies) or with clever visor-style cut-outs.

Prices range from £100 to £1,000 but, as David himself is quick to point out, there are plenty of ideas here to inspire.

Sadly, his newest venture into dress design is not so successfully appealing.

LEFT: David Shilling with two of his favourite hats: huge waterlily of a hat, in palest pink, is centred with a spiralling green stalk; Twenties cloche of natural straw has a huge pink tea rose nestling in its brim.
ABOVE: Butterflies are likely to make Ascot headlines this year. These, small, white and spotted, bob around on delicate twigs atop a tiny saucer cap of black straw with multi-coloured spots.
Diamond jewellery by Chaumet of New Bond Street, London.
Pictures by Kenneth Mason.

ETHNIC EATING IN LONDON — BY BON VIVEUR

THE RESTAURANTS

SIDI BOU SAID RESTAURANT, 9 Seymour Place, Marble Arch, London W1. Tel. 01-402 9930. Hours of opening: Lunch noon to 3 pm last orders; dinner 6 pm to midnight last orders; closed Sundays.

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Tracking more foreign flavours

THE Tunisian restaurant Sidi Bou Said takes its name from a bright canopied village restaurant in Tunisia, where the white-robed males lounge, sniffing jasmine posies and drinking the famous thé à menthe.

In the blue, green and white spotless restaurant, near Marble Arch, the clientele come to hang their red fezzes on a hatstand. The all-male gathering displays balding heads, generous stomachs and clearly revels in the excellent food, which stars such dishes as the famous Tunisian Brics: featherweight Couscous with tender lamb or mutton; and the best-flavoured carrots we have ever tasted.

It is run by two cousins named Am Roussi and they insist that everything is authentic, from the blue-and-white ceramic plates and dishes to the colour scheme and cooking, which is of a very high standard.

Here at little Sidi Bou Said the Brics are golden brown, very crisp and with the finest, paper-thin batter casing—for the square of special batter folded into a triangle is fried with an egg locked in. This is eaten in the hand, a ploy calling for skill in retaining the soft egg inside down to the very last crunchy mouthful.

We were given a dish of hot Kamya, traditionally for preliminary nibbles.

We wound up with the famous thé à menthe or mint tea, sweet, hot and fragrant with crushed mint poured from a tall silver pot into tiny gilded glasses. Including VAT, service and cover charge our bill was £22·70.

Then we went Japanese, at Masako Restaurant, off Wigmore Street, elegant with its black tables, scarlet upholstered chairs and long scarlet tassels at the windows.

Here we encountered seven differently - priced menus, including a Beef Sukiyaki, cooked at table by a pretty little Japanese girl, who worked with chopsticks and wore traditional dress.

Deftly she cooked over her little stove in relays of briskly-fried selections from a piled-high dish of watercress, onions, bean curd, mushroom and bean sprouts. Then in went the house sauce, followed by soy sauce and a platter of "petals" from fine slivers of raw beef, served with the statutory rice, of course.

This was preceded by black - lidded, scarlet - lined soup bowls of black seaweed in another luscious sauce.

Throughout this excellent meal we shared a half-bottle of an innocuous dry white wine and thereafter copious cups of Japanese green tea, which we recommend strongly with this food.

Or, of course, as many were doing, you can drink cold beer. Booking is necessary because this restaurant is always packed. Our bill, including service, cover charge and £4·30 for the wine, was £24·90.

On an earlier visit to a London Thai restaurant it was "shoes off," as intending diners squatted and staff served, on their knees.

All that is over, however, and the food is now presented standing up while the guests sit, not squat.

We went in knowing the reputation of Chiang Mai Restaurant was high. Nothing we were offered diminished it. The cuisine was once described as "somewhere between Chinese and Indian" but we found it more subtle than that.

This is a matter of opinion, but the menu we chose was one of several courses; prices range from £10·60 to a ceiling £16·40. All include VAT, service, and are for two people.

We walked in past a fat brown elephant; there is a Thai menu displayed outside, from which the more experienced can choose à la carte. This restaurant opened its doors only last year and we unhesitatingly say it is outstandingly good.

We sampled Gin Ton Tong, which can only be described as tiny, flower-shaped batter delicacies stuffed with minute mixtures of meat, onions and other vegetables.

Then came, in Chinese-style, serve-yourself dishes: fried beef balls in sweet/sour sauce called Lu Chin Torp, another dish of Pad King or fried pork with onions and Chinese mushrooms, and a third dish of chicken with bamboo shoots called Normai Pad.

All this with libations of the irresistible tea cost us, with service and VAT, £12·80. The service alone was worth it. It was by a slender and graceful young Thai in white satin ankle pants and a brown and white shirt. Sweetmeats, ice-cream, pudding of the day or fresh fruit are extras. Be sure to go at night, if only to sample the house speciality, a crisp mixture of banana and fresh coconut costing 95p per head.

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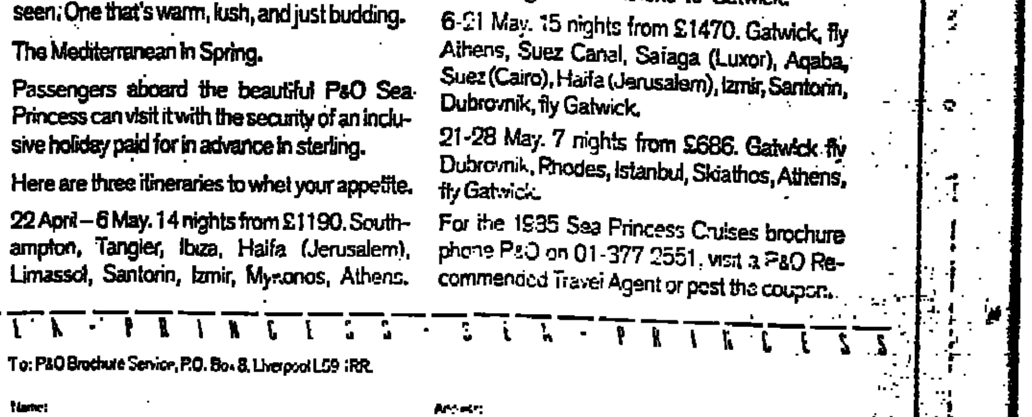
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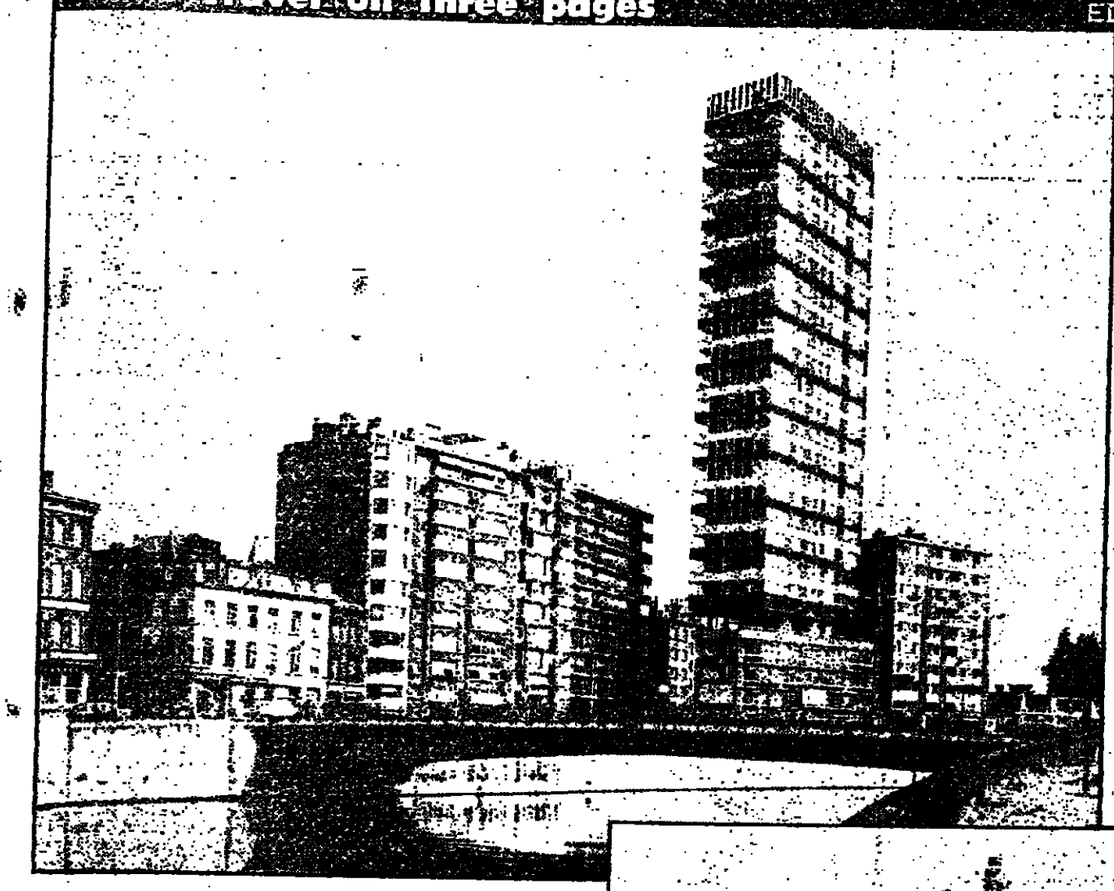
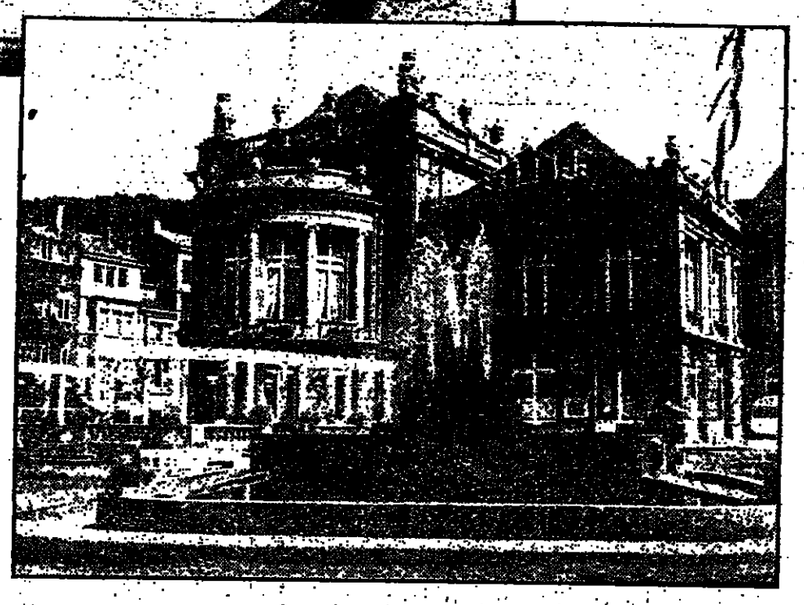




● Trippers' destinations: above, high-rise beside the canal at Liège (picture ANTHONY KERSTING); right, the impressive façade of the highly-popular casino at Spa.

Tripppers' treat, with trips around Spa

BY CAROL THATCHER

SPA in Belgium means grand prix to motor-racing buffs, a casino to gamblers and, probably, mineral water to the rest of us.

In mid-November I found the town pretty dead under damp grey skies but that didn't seem to diminish the enthusiasm of my fellow coach-trip travellers. Our "Mid-weeker" for £92 consisted of an outward journey by coach and boat via Dover, arriving late Monday night, three full days there and back on Friday.

The official itinerary detailed Tuesday as an all-day excursion to Luxembourg — a 182-mile round trip; Wednesday, touring the countryside and villages of the Ardennes (likened by our Harrogate driver to the Yorkshire Dales) and Thursday, a half-day in Liège and the afternoon free in Spa.

We stayed at the Hotel Dorint Ardennes, a mile or so outside Spa. Its 96 modern rooms were excellent, well heated and spacious with minibars but no television, although there was a television room.

There was a bright, welcoming lounge with a bar on the ground floor and another pub-style bar in the basement, a great indoor heated swimming pool, sauna and solarium.

From the balconies there was a pretty view over the surrounding countryside. You don't miss out on the casino by staying in the country: there is a complimentary shuttle bus from the hotel.

Spa itself is quite small, with an atmosphere of faded grandeur and it was pleasant to stroll around it.

I had a carbon dioxide bath (about £4) in the thermal baths. With a doctor's prescription other thermal treatments such as peat baths and hydrotherapy are available. Alternatively, you can just taste the mineral water from the fountain in the imposing marble foyer.

The "*super moules ici*" sign outside L'Auberge in the Place Royale tempted me. I had *moules au vin blanc*, which were quite exceptional and would have fed three: with a half-litre of white wine the bill was £8. The restaurant had a rustic tea-room-style, cheerful ambience and was full of locals.

The *menu du jour* was *potage, poussin aux cerises* and *charlotte russe*, all for just under £10.

Through the large windows overlooking the square, foodies will quickly spot the supermarket for wine, pâté and hams, the *fromagerie* and *chocolaterie*—all within a few yards.

If you want some exercise you can walk back from L'Auberge to the hotel but it is more than a stroll as it is all uphill. A taxi was about £3. In Liège the best plan is to head for the *vieux ville*, with its medley of architectural styles and charming labyrinth of narrow streets and pedestrian alleyways.

It seemed to be the home of everything fattening, and a glutton's paradise. Shop after shop was filled with extravagantly rich chocolates, pastries, pâtés and even the raw meat managed to look appetising, so professionally was it arranged in the window displays.

If you are feeling energetic you can walk up the 373 steps to the Citadel; if culture beckons, spend half-an-hour in the Musée de la Vie Wallone, right in the old city in a beautifully-restored old convent. It is attractively laid out, has an English commentary and a puppet theatre.

The old city is full of taverns, bars and cafés where you can nurse a beer, a drink or a coffee and wait for the rain to stop.

Serious gourmets might like to try the Michelin-recommended Vieux Liège, restaurant in a lovely 16th-century house situated right on the banks of the River Meuse.

If, like several people on my trip, you are trying to keep expenditure down, you needn't go hungry. The Dorint Ardennes had a breakfast buffet of cereals, eggs, salami, cheese, rolls and yogurt, and the set evening meal, included in the package, was three courses.

If you stick to the official itinerary, you may find you spend far too much time sitting in the coach, but it is a question of individual taste.

One man complained: "Bit too much riding around," but a woman whom I asked whether she minded holidaying in such awful weather replied: "I don't; after all we're not off the coach much."

National Holidays, of London, starts its Belgian Ardennes and Luxembourg-breaks again from March 4, costing from £93 to £104 for the five days.

The day I barged in on a Dutch auction

EVEN after many visits to Holland, I had never quite got to grips with the procedure of a Dutch auction. It was, therefore, of great interest to visit Broeker Veiling, to see the thing in action.

Some six miles north of Alkmaar, in Noord Holland, this area used to be known as "The Thousand Islands" until land reclamation transformed the canals and ditches into roads. The auction house served as the main outlet for the crops grown by local farmers, who relied entirely on barge transport to get from one tiny islet to another.

It stands on stilts in the water, with a canal running through the centre, so that barges could sail in for the goods to be inspected by prospective buyers, and the goods could be sold from the barges. There are tiered wooden seats on each side of the canal, each with a number and a push-button that connects to a corresponding number on the large board next to the auction "clock" on a bridge over the canal.

The clock has figures from 1 to 100, every point representing one cent (100 to the guilder), and the pointer on the clock swings from high to low. As it swings, anyone wanting to buy must press their button to stop the clock at the price they are prepared to pay. The sooner the button is pressed, the higher the price, but of course if you wait too long, someone else will have bought.

At the end of the auction girls dressed in local costume bring the goods to the buyers, and accounts are settled. As this auction is now held mainly for the benefit of tourists, the goods are sold in very small quantities, and children can bid for a few apples, or self-caterers for their daily supply of salads and fruit. There is a large museum attached to the auction house which displays old types of barges, implements and tools used by farmers in the past.

A boat trip can also be made through a preservation area of land, canals and ditches that has been maintained to show how this "Thousand Island" area once was.

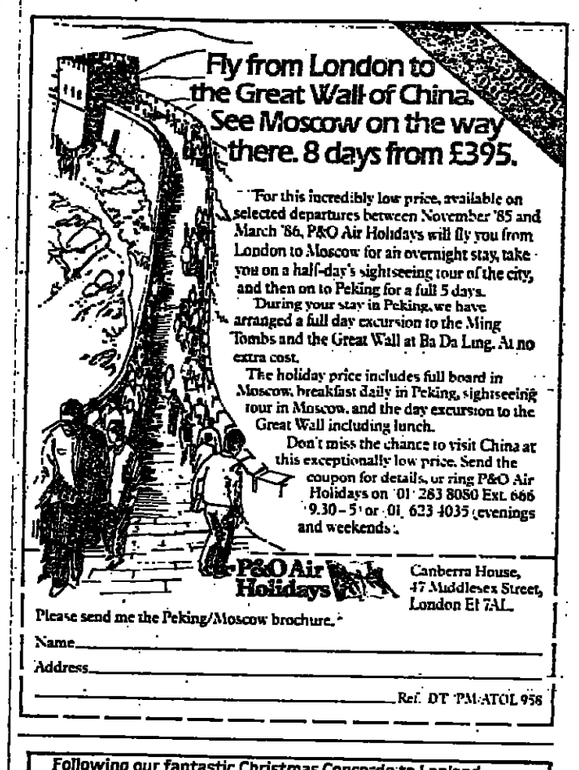
Broeker Veiling is open from May to October, and entrance to the auction, museum and a ticket for the boat trip costs about £1·50, with reductions for children.

The old auction house is just one of numerous buildings which have been preserved to record the life-styles of the people of Noord Holland. Particularly impressive is the new Zuider Zee Museum in Enkhuizen, which shows the way of life of the old seafaring communities that came to an abrupt end when the sea was closed off in 1932. Strolling through this reconstructed town is like taking a trip back in time, amongst sail lofts, steam-laundries and smoking-sheds. Open between April and October, its entry prices are the same as for the auction house.

Other local attractions include the Wednesday market in Hoorn, noted for its arts and crafts; you can make the trip there by steam train from Enkhuizen.

We took our car to Noord Holland by Sealink (five-day spring mini-tour from £140 return with up to five passengers). We stayed at small hotels, which are usually plain but comfortable, and reasonably-priced, such as the Die Port-Van Cleve in Enkhuizen and De Nachtegaal in Alkmaar (from £20 for a double).

Penny Visman



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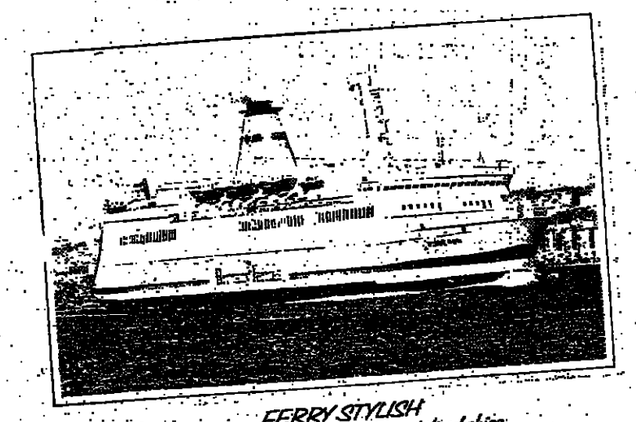

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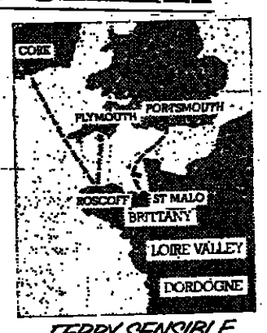

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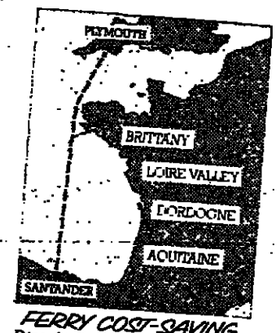

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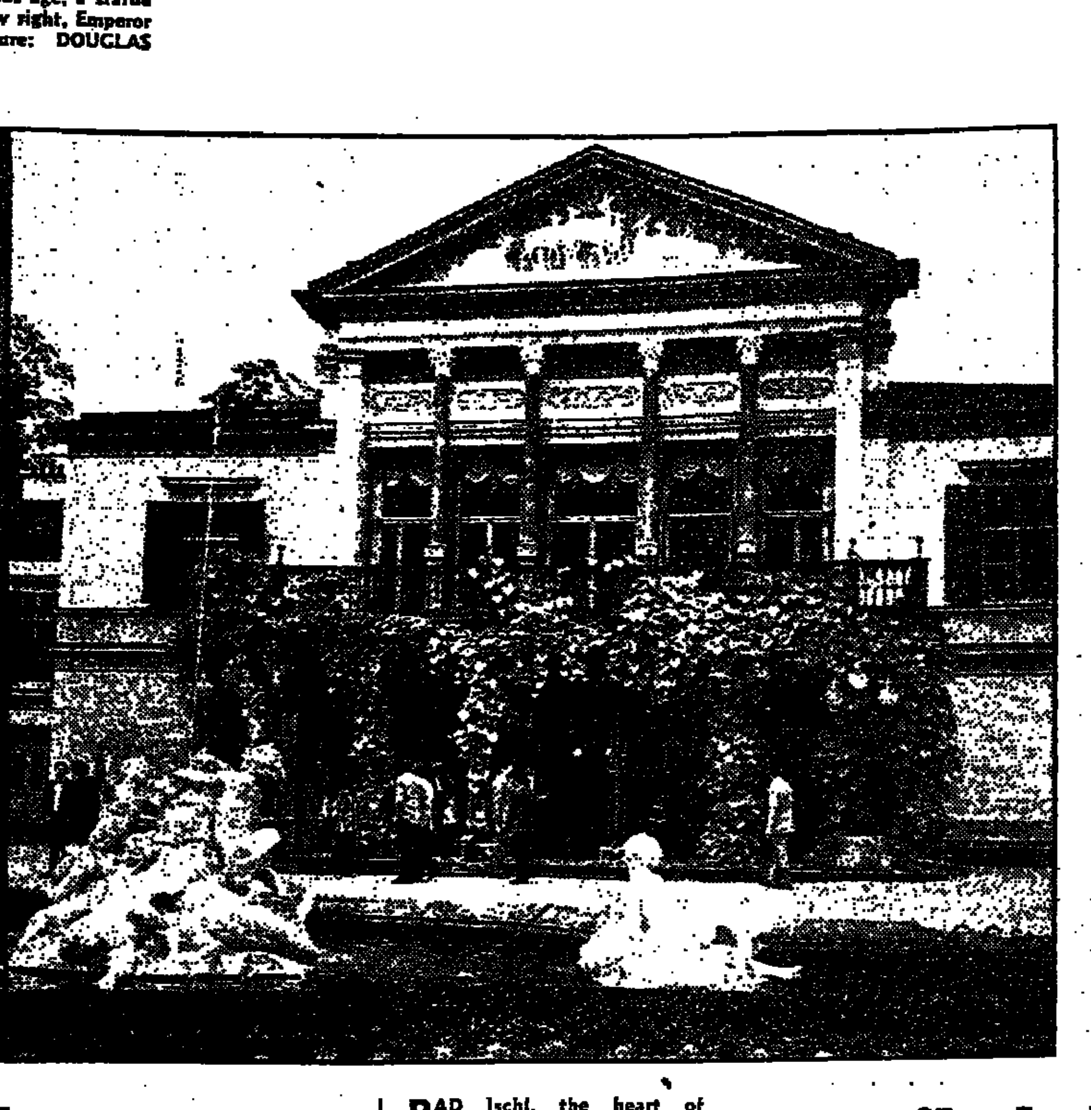
● Past splendours: left below, part of Vienna's gracious age, a statue in the Albert Platz (picture: J. ALLAN CASH); below right, Emperor Franz Josef's hunting lodge at Bad Ischl (picture: DOUGLAS DICKINS).



Cruising a traders' route

BY TIM WARE

EARLY morning on the Danube. The domes, towers and spires of old Passau loomed out of the autumn mist like a Renaissance painting.

Passau, with its magnificent cathedral and bishop's palace, is one of the great treasure houses of Bavaria. It also happens to be the starting point for a cruise along what many consider Europe's finest river.

Between March and October, the Danube Princess completes a series of one-week, round-trip cruises to Budapest, in Hungary, sailing along what was, for centuries, the traditional trading route between west and east Europe—the heartland of the Habsburg empire.

The scenery here is straight from the pages of the Brothers Grimm. Steep slopes covered with conifers rise from the water's edge, interspersed here and there with ruined castles, perched on precipitous crags high above the river.

You view this typically Teutonic backdrop from a typically Teutonic ship. The Danube Princess is West-German-built and owned.

As ships go, she is not that large, accommodating at most only 215 passengers. But what she lacks in size she more than makes up for in comfort.

The air-conditioned cabins are housed on two decks and are pleasantly furnished. Each has a shower room, radio, telephone and even a television set.

The meals, as robust as the scenery, are served at one sitting in the dining room. As on all cruise ships, the mountains of food would do justice to an army, let alone sedentary holidaymakers: four and five courses at breakfast, as well as lunch and dinner.

But there are opportunities to work off the excesses. The sun deck has a pool, even if its size lends itself more to wallowing than swimming. And there are the excursions, optional extras on the cost of the holiday, apart from a tour of Munich on the last day.

First there is Durnstein, overlooked by a ruined castle where, according to legend, Richard the Lionheart was held captive in a dungeon in the 12th century.

Then it is on briskly downstream, past the vineyards of the Wachau, to Budapest, for many the most romantic and captivating capital in Eastern Europe.

Today Budapest, which suffered appalling damage during the 1939-45 War, is largely restored. Here the Danube is broad enough to flow around Margitsziget — Margaret Island — now a leisure park with a large swimming pool, restaurants, bars, and even a Japanese garden.

On its way back to Passau, the Danube Princess puts in at Esztergom, the town which marks the beginning of the particularly scenic stretch of the river known as the Danube Bend, and, on the Czechoslovakian side, Bratislava.

But the best is saved for last . . . or, at least, almost last. For more than 600 years Vienna was the glittering capital of the Habsburg empire and it seemed derisory that we should be dismissing it in a few hours. There was just time for a fleeting visit to the Schönbrunn, the Habsburgs' summer palace, and a self-indulgent afternoon break of coffee and Sachertorte.

We rejoined the ship, brimming with culture and Sachertorte, but a little breathless. As we did so it became apparent one thing was missing from the Danube cruise: time.

The cruise is sold by P & O Air Holidays and costs from £549 each in a three-berth inside cabin in low season to £1,049 in a single cabin in high season. The price includes British Airways' flight to Munich, accommodation and all meals, but not excursions, drinks or tips.

Beguiled, by spa country

BAD Ischl, the heart of Austria's Salzkammergut, is renowned for its health-giving saline springs. In 1823 a Dr von Wirer advised a salt-water cure for the childless wife of Austria's Heir Presumptive. In time she bore a number of children, to be known as the Salt Princes, and Ischl (you drop the "Bad" in everyday talk), was on the map.

Through wars and disasters little has changed in Ischl with its aura of an opulent, old-time spa. The Kurpark is pure fin de siècle, a blaze of flowers in summer with daily open-air concerts; haunting strains of long ago.

The Medical Institute, some distance away, most of whose staff speak English, is streamlined and functional and offers a cornucopia of cures for heart and circulatory troubles, respiratory and digestive problems and the aftermath of fractured bones. Unique are the sulphur mudbaths but, suffering from none of these ills, I was content to wallow in the giant pool, try the sauna and breathe my share of saline steam.

A "sports cheque" scheme has recently been launched that includes a half-board week in an hotel, as well as 50 vouchers valid for treatments or activities such as riding, tennis or golf. Sample price: about £180 in a three-star hotel. Only a third of visitors—mostly Austrian and Dutch—come to seek better health and although Ischl has had a reputation for catering for older guests, much is being done to alter this image by increasing sport facilities.

But for most it is the sheer attractiveness of the place which beguiles in an oasis so steeped in the past that on the Emperor's birthday on August 18, you still have official mass in the Parish Church. Franz Josef, the eldest of the Salt Princes, spent every summer of his 86 years in Ischl. With him came the Court and a coterie of musicians who made their home on the edge of the Traun, a petulant stream that rushes through the town.

Lehar composed most of his melodies in his Biedermeier villa; it has been left to look as it did in his time: an assortment of superb antiques alongside the many, often trivial, presents he received. Ischl's Festival of Operetta, every July and August, invariably includes one of his works.

Franz Josef's Kaiservilla lies in a huge park where the emperor, a compulsive hunter, shot countless deer. The villa is full of trophies: rows of antlers line the walls like mosaics.

For teatime feasting there is Zauner's, a famous pastry-shop and an integral cog in the history of the town. Books have been written about its cakes; more than 250 different kinds are on display.

Ischl is a walker's paradise—the Empress Elisabeth Path leads to Kalvarienberg with its enchanting rustic church, where organ recitals are held each year. A forest trail continues to Nussensee, where you can fish for plentiful trout. Ischl is also an ideal centre for excursions to all parts of the Salzkammergut. Hallstatt, incredibly beautiful, is wedged between a lake and steep rocks, its shell-shaped square ornate with fountain, balconies of geraniums and vines.

I have mixed feelings about St Wolfgang and wonder whether the famous musical has really been a boon; scores of tourists now swarm past the White Horse Inn humming the songs of the show. But the Michael Pacher Altar in the church is a Gothic masterpiece.

By contrast, Fuschl on the Fuschl Lake is quiet and select. Schloss Fuschl, probably the most elegant hotel in Austria, was once the hunting lodge of the Prince Bishops of Salzburg.

The Jagdhof in the grounds is special in that it also contains a hunting museum and a mammoth collection of pipes. Rooms and food—less costly than at the Schloss—are really superb. It is packaged by Austro Tours: from £269 for a week's stay, half-board.

In Bad Ischl I stayed at the Kurhotel, very comfortable and compact. A passage connects it with all the spa treatment rooms. DER Travel Service can tailor-make packages there: seven nights' half-board, from £387, flying to and from Salzburg.

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High in the Himalayas, where time stands still

BY LYNNE EDMUNDS

LADAKH, closed to the outside world by the Indian authorities until 10 years ago, is one of those countries where the people seem to be in a time warp, although it is naive to suggest that the steady trickle of outsiders is still without effect.

Panting, at almost 12,000 feet above Leh's Royal Palace just after suprise recently, we marvelled at the silence—no traffic, no radios — and the absence of television aerials on the flat-roofed, mud-brick houses which hugged the lower slopes, and wondered whether any other capital could boast the same.

Next morning we heard that the first television service was being inaugurated in this trans-Himalayan frontier state which gives India borders with Pakistan, China, Russia and Afghanistan.

But life there is still dictated by the winter snows which totally cut off approaches through the high passes from October until June each year. In the two days it took to drive the precipitous road from Srinagar in Kashmir snaking through high, eroded hills and sometimes curving along the Indus, we quickly came to admire Ladakhi life and the character of the tough, cheery people.

Camping by the river at the fertile village of Alchi I had a chance to see both at close quarters. A family of three generations of Ladakhi women beckoned me into their garden for a cup of sweet tea, a sing-song and a chat (helped by a highly-intelligent 13-year-old, Dishit, who translated).

They decorated me with the same sticky seeds I fingered on the leathery cheeks of the sprightly grandmother of the family, then dashed off to get their traditional tall hats with side flaps and to don ropes of turquoises and coral when I agreed to take their photograph.

Before I said goodbye, walking back across the river past men threshing by driving their *dzo* (half-yak, half-cow) in tight circles, Dishit showed me her family home. Drawing herself up by the door as the proxy woman of the house, she apologised: "I'm afraid it is *very* dirty."

It was spotless. The first-storey living room with its mud floor was swept clean, bed-rolls neatly stored around the walls and highly-polished metal cooking and eating pots lined up on the Ladakhi equivalent of the Welsh dresser.

No one is self-conscious with curious visitors. Children everywhere wave, shout *julay* (an all-purpose greeting) and often add, with an angelic smile, "one pen please . . ." or "bon-bon?"

Monks, even when engaged as they were at Spituk lamasery (monastery) in the meticulous job of making the complex religious symbol the mandala out of coloured powders, had no objection to being observed and photographed.

And even the pilgrims, faces rapt with awe, didn't object to our presence as, next day, we jostled in the crowd following the local "oracle" in his annual procession from temple to temple at Shey lamasery.

Villagers, the women in their ceremonial costumes — Tibetan-style full-length pinafores, silver-embroidered hats and heavy jewellery — and monks streamed after him and watched as his final pronouncements were given to the accompaniment of drums and pipes before a sacred tree below the lamasery.

Then off he went on his white horse to ride round the villages for three days, foretelling everyone's future.

But it is in winter, when the snow can reach depths of 19 feet, that the festivals of dances by masked monks take place. One of the most spectacular is at Spituk, with its huge courtyard, where the Yellow Sect of Buddhists have celebrated their rituals for 600 years.

It, like most of the ancient lamaseries of Ladakh, is full of treasures. Several of the Buddhas are over 500 years old, there are exquisite collections of *thangkas* (religious paintings on cloth) and the fine *chortens*, symbolic religious structures, are of gold and silver, studded with turquoises and precious stones.

Layer upon layer of overlapping cultures are there, too. At many lamaseries the Chinese influence (which came via Tibet and its brand of Buddhism) is striking in the wall paintings. At the tiny, teetering wooden lamasery at Alchi some of its fine wall pictures are eccentrically local in style (the Buddhas all the more appealing for that) while others have had Mughal scenes incorporated. At Spituk, as elsewhere, the Tantric influence was marked. It was there we met a group of Indian soldiers (the army is a major presence in Ladakh) on their way to make offerings to the Buddhist female deity, Paldun Lamo. Perhaps because her 300-year-old image there was fashioned by a Hindu from Bengal, she has for them become interchangeable with the Hindu goddess Kali.

But you'll find no mysticism about the lamas, who welcome visitors. Many speak English, all are friendly and acknowledge graciously the obligatory contributions from tourists.

At Hemis lamasery, saved repeatedly from the sackings and destruction that went with so many early waves of invasion by its hidden position high in the woods, one of the most senior monks showed us the kitchen with its giant copper cooking vessels.

He offered us *tsampa*, the coarse bread made from barley, and the butter tea which is their staple diet. We were grateful that we had a more substantial lunch to come, noodles and rice dishes, supplemented with perfectly-cooked chins (£4 a head) on the veranda of an old pilgrims' hostelry, now a restaurant.

At Thikse lamasery, which once housed 1,000 lamas, the steep climb which really tested our acclimatisation to the altitude (it takes a week there to cope completely) was worth it for the marvellous views over a valley changing from aridity to vividly-fertile fields within a few hundred yards.

Back in Leh, at the Hotel Labrimo, we relaxed in the garden over innumerable cups of free tea and sunbathed on the prayer-flag-decorated roof, soaking up the breathtaking views of peaks on every side.

Our last sight of this unique country-within-a-country was among the most unforgettable—range after range of snowy Himalayan peaks stretching to infinity on both sides of the aircraft, as we set off on the 30-minute flight back to Srinagar.

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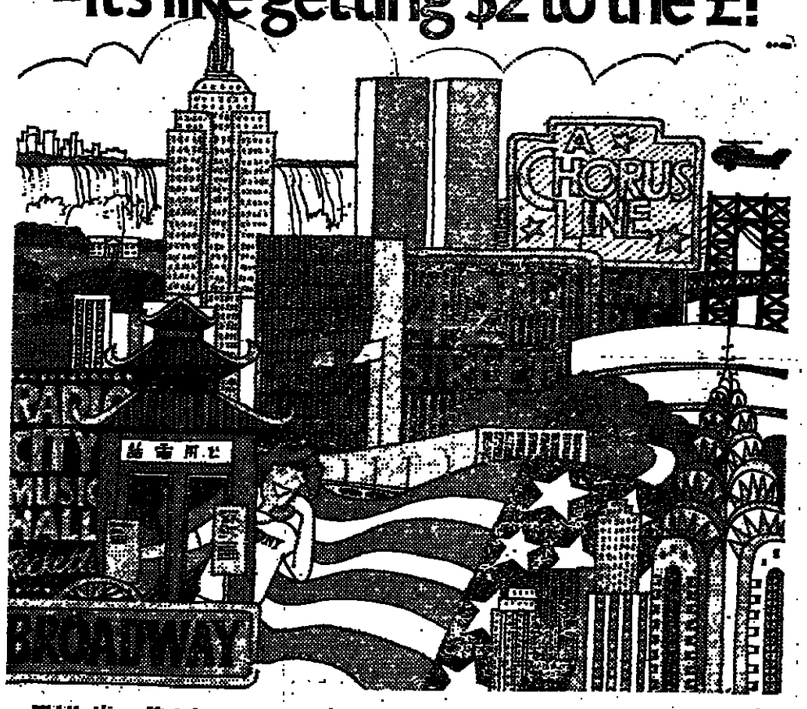

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MR POWELL'S BILL

THERE IS A NICE IRONY in the fact that a majority of the General Synod of the Church of England has voted (against the motion of the Church's own Board of Social Responsibility) not to support experiments on human embryos. The majority of the Synod now finds itself thrown into a strange and probably unprecedented confederacy with Mr ENOCH POWELL whose "Unborn Children (Protection) Bill" was passed on its second reading yesterday in the House of Commons by 238 votes to 66.

The Government is therefore presented with something of a difficulty, for not only is Mr POWELL supported by very many people in the House of Commons who might normally be at odds with him, but the Established Church, at least as it is represented in the Synod, has now also sided with him and against the majority Warnock Report. That report recommended that experiments should be permissible on human embryos up to the age of 14 days. The view of Mr POWELL, by contrast, and now presumably of the Synod, is that embryos should only be used for implanting into women and that any "spares" necessarily created in the process should be allowed to perish rather than become the subject of scientific experimentation.

The strictest application of logic might take one beyond Mr POWELL and the Synod to proscribe the creation by man of any embryos. For to say that embryos are frequently destroyed through the agency of nature is hardly the point. Should man take it upon himself to create any embryo which is likely to perish? But Mr POWELL's Bill is the best available. It will of course offend many scientists who argue on utilitarian grounds that experiments on embryos may benefit the human race incalculably. The straight answer to this is that once the principle of experimentation were accepted the rules which supposedly governed it would become gradually infinitely lax. Though the Government, and particularly its Ministers most closely involved, may be reluctant to oppose the scientific thinking, it should face up to the moral arguments and support Mr POWELL.

INVOLUNTARY MATING

THE BEAUTY OF CHESS is that it is the thinking man's answer to violence. GARY KASPAROV faced in the high early form of his opponent, ANATOLY KARPOV, five to nil ahead last November when six wins were required for a win, produced a chess-playing equivalent of trench warfare or GEOFFREY BOYCOTT—holding his opponent to draw after, generally tedious, draw. By gradual degrees KARPOV weakened, failing to get the clinching victory and finding himself in the miserable position of occupying the brink of victory for three months without going over it. KASPAROV, having won the psychology, was able to concentrate on good chess and to start winning, pulling his opponent back to 5-3 with the champion's bottle-holders begging for a draw and re-match. What the challenger declined, the chess authorities—in Russia and vulnerable to Russian pressures—have granted. It is rather as if the American Civil War had been declared a draw by an international committee sitting in Richmond Virginia in 1864. Mr GARY KASPAROV is annoyed as conceivably General GRANT would have been.

The new rules for the second match will limit it to 24 games, perfectly sensible as an initial plan but in the context of KASPAROV's ability to grind his opponent down and KARPOV's short but brilliant commencements, crudely biased towards the playing style of one player against the other. Take account of KARPOV's reputation as a good Party man, his ethnic Russian status and one deduces without too much difficulty who the real authorities (not Mr CAMPOMANES's Chess committee) wanted to win. Chess brings out the worst in all of us. It can be fought for total victory without the inhibitions of physical hurt. It attracts the most powerful minds which by no means accompany the most tranquil souls. It can on occasion be more tedious than the most pre-emptive Roses cricket and more ferociously persued than war. Mr KARPOV who, as a Party man in good standing, regularly signs officially sponsored spontaneous declarations in favour of "peace," will appreciate his patrons' influence in putting down a bureaucratic helicopter to rescue him from a battle he was losing. What are rules for if not for changing?

Searching questions

By Bishop GEORGE APPLETON

MANY people will remember being urged when young to ignore emotion. We were told rather to rely on reason and will. Nowadays we are realising that if feeling is suppressed our inner life becomes deprived and unsatisfied.

Feelings indicate what is going on in the depths of a person's being. They need to be regarded as an integral part of our personality. They are a revelation of character. We can consciously control thoughts and words, aware that we may damage our relationships or our prospects by unguarded remarks and uncontrolled emotion. So feelings give us a truer self-knowledge.

Yet we must not give unbridled expression to our feelings, but from time to time examine them. One of the psalmists subject to depression asked himself a searching question: "Why art thou so heavy, oh my soul, why art thou so disquieted within me?" We could do well to ask ourselves similar questions: "Why am I angry? Why afraid? What am I so worried about? Who do I dislike A or B? Why do I try to avoid someone or some difficult situation? Why do I feel hurt?" To recognise the truth about our feelings is halfway to setting them right.

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JESUS WARNED US that wrong actions and words come from wrong feelings in the heart, from the very core of our being: "Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a man." (Matthew XV: 19-20).

Uncontrolled emotions also affect the body—anger may lead to blood pressure, worry to headaches and ulcers, overburden may lead to asthma, hatred to injuring others.

The prophet Samuel seeking a king to replace Saul from the sons of Jesse, is warned by an intuition: "Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Another psalmist prayed: "Search me, oh Lord, and know my heart!"

Church Services Tomorrow—P10

COMMENTARY

Ferdinand Mount

IT IS recorded apocryphally, of Lord Curzon, I think, that once wishing to see how the other half lived, he boarded an omnibus and courteously asked the conductor to drive him to 4, Carlton Gardens. In these levelling days, such a story would be hard to pin to any Minister, but the best bet would surely be Mr Nicholas Ridley, Minister of Transport. If he does not exactly flick a speck of dust from his irreproachable cuff, he does appear to condescend.

Partly because of this, perhaps, he has been having a rough time of it trying to deregulate the bus industry. His Transport Bill is opposed not merely by Labour and the Liberals, but also by most of the Select Committee on Transport (actually a badge of honour, since so many MPs on it are connected with the transport unions or the National Bus Company), and by esteemed bodies such as the Women's Institutes and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

They all fear that, by taking away the licensing system, breaking up the publicly owned bus monopolies and encouraging private operators, Mr Ridley will ruin our beloved town and country bus services.

But are they right? After all, the status quo is scarcely brilliant. Passenger mileage has halved over the past 30 years. Fares have risen much faster than inflation. Over much of the country, Sunday and late-night buses have disappeared. And the subsidy needed to keep the remaining services going has risen in the past 10 years from £10 million a year to no less than £522 million.

Is this catastrophic decline entirely due to competition from the car? The long-distance coaches (which face competition from the highly subsidised railways as well) have been carrying *more* passengers — and in considerably greater comfort—since they were deregulated in 1980.

It is said that private-sector cowboys with bald-tyred rattletraps will come in and terrorise country lanes. Alas for this argument, in the most recent spot check on London Transport's buses (which for the moment Mr Ridley has left out of his bill), just over half of *them* had to be sent off the roads immediately as unsafe.

Then we are told that the extra buses will cause traffic congestion. Waiting half an hour on a wet night for a bus, one could do with a little congestion of that sort.

Above all, it is said that competition will prevent the "cross-subsidy" that enables a single operator to support unprofitable services out of the profits he makes from his plum routes and peak hours — which the pirates will now "cream off."

But that is not quite how a transport system works. The cream is often at the bottom of the jug. What costs money are the extra buses that have to be put on for the rush hours and lie idle for the rest of the day. Rush-hour competition from minibuses and part-time drivers would help, not hinder, and they would also operate more cheaply on the loss-making rural routes and so cost less in subsidy (which, contrary to rumour, councils could still provide under the Ridley Bill).

What I find sad is that so many rural lobbies should cling so desperately to a system which has served them so badly. There seems to linger in the country a mistrust of business, large or small, and a touching faith in the beneficence of public authorities. Yet it is council shopping precincts and ring roads which have torn the heart out of our market towns, and water authorities which have turned our water meadows into concrete conduits.

Far from representing the grimmer face of capitalism, a few minibuses bouncing along the lanes would represent the return of that pre-industrial character, the village carrier. What could do more to revive the tenor of village life?

THEY have put our church railings back. More than 40 years after Lord Beaverbrook ordered them to be removed to be made into tanks —along with other railings, gates and ironwork all over the country — Islington Council has reinstated them, very nicely, at a cost of £20,000 (nearly twice what it cost Sir Charles Barry to build the entire church in the first place).

Not many tanks were made out of the scrap — just as not many Spitfires were made out of the pots and pans which Beaverbrook had earlier appealed for. In the notorious case of Stanley Baldwin's gates, which the Beaver insisted on removing, nothing much was manufactured except spite, since the gates were apparently too small to be worth converting into steel.

So easy to give such orders and look dynamic. So costly to restore the damage. It would be nice to think that such half-baked stunts were confined to wartime.

ST VALENTINE'S Day always lights up the small ads and sets the mind racing as you contemplate your fellow readers. Was it that sober man in the regimental tie who put in: "Tinkerbelle — Lub U — Wonky"? Or the woman with the tortoiseshell spectacles, sitting opposite, who addresses her beloved as "Darling Jerrybean"? Just for a moment, the curtain twitches and we have a glimpse of real life.

Is the Lady showing her age?

MARGOT LAWRENCE on a publication with 'a light touch and an air of well-bred detachment' that has taken social change in its stride

"IT sounds like the kiss of death, I know, to say we are a general interest newspaper that is informative but not controversial. But in fact that is exactly why I can see us going on indefinitely just the way we are now.

"Our readers are the backbone of the country, people who want to be informed but do have minds of their own which they are quite capable of making up."

Joan Grahame, editor of THE LADY, which celebrates its centenary this month, believes the only thing that might threaten her paper's continued viability would be a complete technological revolution ousting the printed word. Any other social change the paper can take in its stride, she believes.

THE LADY is unique among the women's Press not only for longevity but also for having kept the same character and policy throughout its century. It is still in the hands of its founder's family and run from the same fine old building in Covent Garden where it has been since 1891.

Appropriately, wine and roses will mark the occasion. At Chelsea Flower Show, "The Lady" rose is being launched by Fryers of Knutsford, and Domecq are bringing out a sherry "The Lady First Century." "To be available in March but it depends on when the boat can leave Cadiz," said Mrs Grahame with the self-controlled air of one to whom contretemps are endemic.

Within weeks of her taking the editorial chair, the 1971 postal strike almost killed the paper and to this day she does not know until each Wednesday how many editorial pages she will go to press with on Thursday. "We are run as a newspaper and we never turn classifieds away."

BUTLER REQUIRED for one lady in fairly large house and farming property in Hampshire. Some entertaining, shooting parties during season. Normal butler's duties. Three bedroomed bungalow attached to house, free rent, rates, electricity, heating, hot water and telephone. Salary negotiable. Excellent references essential.

There have been countless attempts to produce an "intelligent" paper for women since the 19th century brought education for girls. A dozen or more started in the 1880s alone. All except THE LADY fell by the way, usually quickly.

Even WOMAN, originally launched in 1937 to deal intelligently with social problems, had to back-pedal hastily to retrieve circulation. And in the 1960s when Ernst Dichter the American motivation-research pundit advised women's papers here to be more intellectual and controversial, several failed completely, as Dr Cynthia White points out in her survey "Women's Magazines" published in 1970.

Though recent years have seen other new more intelligent papers for women, only THE LADY has soldiered on through 10 decades of social change still faithful to its original formula as laid down by the founder, Thomas Gibson Bowles: "to provide information without dullness and entertainment without vulgarity . . . to ascertain what information it is that women of education most need, and to provide them with that."

But can this high-minded formula still be valid today? Isn't the very title THE LADY an anachronism? Mrs Grahame does not agree.

"Our readers are not usually rich, but I would say they have mostly had a good education," she says. They do not need the emotional reassurances provided in most women's magazines by the agony auntie, by the "knit your own Royal Family" type of article, or even the outlet of a readers' letters feature.

YOUNG COUPLE BLEU/Winkfield. Trained cook housekeeper, age 20-30 years, with a responsible, happy personality and lots of initiative wanted for a super position with a young family in Mayfair, Central London. Own separate self-contained luxury flatlet. Nanny and daily help employed. Absolutely must have high cooking standards.

Nor do "names" count. "I get 100 unsolicited manuscripts a week, we never commission anything, and I never look to see who's written a piece before I judge it," says Mrs Grahame. A lady, clearly, is not expected to be dazzled by film stars' hyped memoirs, or heart-throb revelations about drug addiction or mothers of test-tube babies. "Our readers' interests come first." And if those interests run more to facts about old barns in Devon, or amateur theatricals in Upper Burma, so be it.

"They do very much want reviews of plays and art shows but when we tried a cars section they wrote complaining. They are not much interested in television, more likely to be Radio 4 people," says Mrs Grahame. "They don't like Americanisms, either."

T. G. Bowles, who so perspicaciously set his paper on an enduring track, was an M P. and already proprietor of VANITY FAIR, that classic of Victorian gadfly journalism. He had earlier been a MORNING POST leader writer.

He saw that much of the information women wanted was the sort conveyed by advertising, and the classified columns rapidly expanded. A survey some years ago showed about half the paper's readers are pulled by these rather than the editorial content. (For some readers, of course, the classifieds with their occasional element of "titled lady seeks butler for country estate, entertaining during grouse season" may supply the escapist touch more proletarian magazines find in romantic fiction.)

The fact remains, THE LADY is the only nationally-circulated paper carrying such a vast and specialised quantity of classifieds covering from John O'Groats to well beyond Land's End.

In the early days, the paper ran children's features. One story appeared "The Burd and the Donkey. Well, the burd and the donkey each had a purse, so the donkey had the best purse and the burd wontted the best purse . . ." It was signed simply "Sydney."

The precocious author was Sydney Bowles, five at the time, daughter of T.G. Later, marrying the future Lord Redesdale, she became the mother of the Mitford girls, usually referred to as "the cousins" at THE LADY, as in "Some of the cousins worked here at times." Another eminent literary link was with the young Stella Gibbons, who wrote most of "Cold Comfort Farm" on the underground travelling to and from her job on the paper.

As a small circulation paper (around 70-75,000) THE LADY has always been run as a tight ship. It began with an editorial staff of four, Bowles costing each job separately (£1 per week for the time the editor spent finding new contributors and considering plans). Even today it is run by an editorial staff of 10, which would obviously be a joke at I P C.

HOT AIR BALLOONIST and journalist require a mother's help, 18+ to become one of the family from March for Emily (1). Non-smoker, driver. Own room.

The paper has always brought a light touch and an air of well-bred detachment to its comments on life. But it has never dodged the unpleasant. Even in its second issue, it was lambasting Gladstone's Government for neglecting the wives and children of soldiers sent off at short notice to avenge Gordon. In the 1930s it weighed characteristically against the growing tendency to suicide. Typically, readers were invited to disapprove of it as being bad mannered and an attempt to evade responsibility.

"Our readership today is younger than everyone thinks," says Joan Grahame. "When we've met groups of them, as when we had some flower-arranging teas at the Savoy, it's always been interesting that quite a big proportion are aged about 27-35."

And a good many men read the paper. "Though when they get it from a bookstall they *always* say it is for their wives."

LONDON DAY BY DAY

How Benn escapes election scrutiny

BY ONE of the richer ironies of politics it emerges that Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the author of the compulsory re-selection of Labour MPs between elections, has escaped such scrutiny himself.

A little-noticed clause in the Labour party's new rules lays down that any MP elected at a by-election, but not a General Election, can automatically stand again.

The irony will seem all the more bitter to Michael Cocks, Labour's chief whip, who defeated Benn for the nomination in the safe seat of Bristol South but now faces a concerted Bennite campaign to get him out.

Benn's rapid return to Westminster after his victory at Chesterfield last year in a by-election means that he can prepare to defend his seat the next time around without fear of a challenge. I expect that Messrs Cocks, Shore and Kaufman wish they had suffered such a temporary reverse.

Sacre eau!

AGAINST ALL the canons of the French gastronomic tradition and contrary to advertisements proclaiming the natural goodness of pure sparkling mineral water, I gather that Perrier is to adulterate its product to please the Americans.

Apparently, the barbarians insist on sweetening their water so Perrier, craftily noticing that sales are no longer booming across the Atlantic, have decided to cash in and put fruit essence in their bottles. Of course they would not dream of putting this product on sale in France but all the same it still is heresy. What next—foie gras with ketchup?

A note to customers printed inside boxes of eggs supplied by a firm called T V Eggs of Lambourn, Berks, says: "For the last fourteen years we have supplied eggs to you as Goldenlay. We believe that in returning to our original name we can guarantee you even fresher, high quality eggs produced and delivered locally to your store."

The red 'un

NEW YORK'S Communist newspaper, the DAILY WORLD (which, like our MORNING STAR abandoned the grimy-sounding name DAILY WORKER many years ago) claims a fanciful circulation of 50,000 copies.

One ex-subscriber is Arkady Shevchenko, the highest ranking Soviet official to defect. In his memoirs he offers some insight into where many of the copies go.

"The Soviet United Nations Mission had to take out a large number of subscriptions to the Party paper, the DAILY WORLD. Almost as soon as the copies arrived they were tossed into the mission waste baskets. Not even Soviet diplomats found the paper worth reading.

Shevchenko continues: "Since the FBI reportedly also takes a substantial number of subscriptions, one wonders how many ordinary Americans actually read the paper."

Getting them young

THE QUEEN MOTHER will be opening a new theatre at St Paul's Girls' School next Thursday dedicated to a famous "old girl" who was also an outstanding actress — the late Celia Johnson.

Johnson, best remembered for her starring role in the film version of "Brief Encounter," first discovered her love of acting in school productions. In fact, it was in a school play that she was spotted for her talents by Nigel Playfair, then director of the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.

The school will celebrate their theatre, paid for by a successful £1 million appeal in appropriate style. They will perform Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," which was originally written for a girls' school.

Marketable find

WITH MINERS so much in the forefront of the news, I was intrigued to see in the catalogue for Sotheby's enamels and ceramics sale later this month a mug commemorating the 1866 Oaks Colliery disaster which bears two prints of the series of explosions which claimed 360 lives.

It was made by a potter within weeks of the disaster and was one of just a few hundred produced. Recently a schoolgirl spotted it at a stall in Bromley, Kent, market and bought it for 10p — a lucky find which could now fetch up to £200 at auction.

Argy-bargy

MAJOR GENERAL Julian Thompson, who led 3 Commando Brigade in the Falklands war, recalls in his book "No Picnic," out on Monday, a story of a meeting between a British officer and an Argentinian prisoner.

The two men discovered a shared enthusiasm for polo and it became apparent that the Argentinian had served under an officer trained only the year before at Sandhurst.

Amazed that the Argentinians should have put up such a poor defence with staff college officers to lead them, the Briton asked his prisoner for an explanation. The Argentinian replied: "He must have been asleep during the lectures."

Dogged survivors

A UNIQUE reunion will take place on April 19 when a hundred former Colditz camp prisoners gather at the Imperial War Museum. It was on that day 40 years ago that the 250 inmates landed back in England.

Lieut Commander Mike Moran, who, as a young naval lieutenant was among them, has kept meticulous records on Colditz survivors and knows of 140 still living. He also organised a mainly British reunion for the 35th anniversary, but this year he has managed to attract old comrades from all over the world, from Poland to New Zealand.

After a day at the Museum inspecting an exhibition of Colditz souvenirs they will return to base at the Victory Services Club, followed by dinner with their wives. Their weekend will conclude with a river cruise and a memorial service for old comrades.

I was delighted to hear that beleaguered Dunlop has won a £17 million contract to help the Chinese set up a truck tyres factory but I am not so sure about the trucks themselves. The new factory is called the Chao Yang Long March Tyre Factory.

Where there's a Will

THERE ARE no celebrations planned to mark the centenary of Will Fyffe's birth which falls today, despite the fact that his music hall song, "I Belong to Glasgow," still echoes bibulously around the world.

The comedian wrote the song after an encounter at Glasgow Central Station with an amiable drunk who, when Fyffe inquired where he came from, answered: "Don't know sir, but at this very moment Glasgow belongs to me."

Despite the fact that the song is known by millions around the world, Fyffe lies buried in an unremarkable grave in a city cemetery with no plaque or monument to his memory, although doubtless the odd dram will be raised in his honour tonight.

Sweet and sour

BY POPULAR demand, the name game goes on. Sheila Colquhoun from Burgess Hill has written to tell me that her mother's maiden name was Rasberry and her father's name is Lemon.

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS

Why Dresden was a target

SIR—As one of the pilots who was in the first wave to bomb Dresden on the night of Feb. 13, 1945, I cannot allow your leader (Feb. 14) to go unchallenged.

To say that "the policy of area bombing, eternally associated with Sir Arthur Harris, was wrong militarily and morally" is to cast a slur on the judgment of the former C.-in-C. and the devotion to duty of the crews who were proud to serve under him.

I know that if Sir Arthur was alive today he would be the first to defend his policy with all the vigour that he employed in the operations of Bomber Command.

Although 40 years on, I still have a clear recollection of the briefing for the Dresden raid by my Squadron Commander: to stop the German Army from using the city as a "staging post" in its efforts to stem the advance of the Russians; surely a military reason.

Are we, the former Bomber Command crews, now expected to declare that "we were wrong" and that "we are sorry"? I do not think so.

And who is going to speak for the 58,000 men, nearly 44 per cent. of the total force of 126,000 aircrew, who made the supreme sacrifice?

J. L. WHITELEY
Solihull, W. Midlands.

Strategy of 1985

SIR—You are to be congratulated on your excellent leader (Feb. 14) acknowledging the "desolating and dreadful act" of the bombing of Dresden 40 years ago.

The problem is that in 1985 the military strategy of the nuclear powers is still based on the threat to obliterate centres of civilian population in the event of war.

The commemoration of past atrocities should reinforce our determination to negotiate arms control agreements which will reduce the threat of nuclear war.

EDWARD TIMMS
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

The touring theatre

From Sir PETER HALL

SIR—Certain of your earlier editions (Feb. 12) carried an ill-informed and disagreeable article by Mr Eric Shorter.

He says that the National Theatre is closing the Cottesloe because its loss would be felt keenly and so provide an effective protest against the cutbacks in our Arts Council subsidy.

In other words, he is saying that we are merely playing politics and not —as is the case—doing one of the only things possible if we are to make essential, quick and considerable savings.

The Cottesloe costs £750,000 a year to run. It brings in, at capacity, only £250,000 in box office revenue, far less than the Olivier and Lyttelton. Without this £500,000 saving, and other large savings elsewhere, we cannot properly continue.

Mr Shorter says it is wrong for us to stop touring to save money, and anyway touring has never mattered to us: we only do it "now and then," "when we feel like it," and "there was never much evidence of it."

First, we are proud of the amount of touring we have done; since 1980 we have sent productions round the country for an average of no less than 20 weeks annually.

Second, we cannot go on doing this. The need to cut our company makes it logistically impossible for us to maintain a year-round programme in London—as we must—and still to tour with productions from our South Bank repertoire. We can, in the future, do tours only if they are separately set up, and separately funded either by the Arts Council or by commercial sponsorship.

PETER HALL
Director, National Theatre,
London, S.E.1.

Enriching collections

From the Marquess of NORMANBY

SIR—Mr Denis Mahon has recently written about an impediment to the tax procedures, which were intended by Parliament to channel certain privately owned works of art into public collections.

The provisions for accepting pre-eminent works of art in lieu of Capital Transfer Tax are potentially of the highest importance as a means of enriching our public collections; but the monetary ceiling recently announced would drastically limit the effectiveness of these provisions at a time when owners should be warmly encouraged to employ them.

The Committee of the National Art-Collections Fund has known for many years of Mr Denis Mahon's own generous intentions for the future of his picture collection — and for his residuary estate; and it would be a tragic loss to the public collections of this country if his plans should be frustrated.

NORMANBY
Chairman, Nat. Art-Collections Fund,
London, S.W.1.

Ugbrooke Park

SIR—The report written by Mr Robert Bedlow covering the sale of Stuart Papers at Ugbrooke Park (Feb. 11) deserves applause, and also correction.

When talking about a "possible cushion" against Capital Transfer Tax as the reason for the sale of the documents he could not be further from the truth.

The fact that Lord and Lady Clifford have been expelled, exported to Guernsey; the fact that Ugbrooke is open to the public, these are the steps which the family has been advised to take to avoid the decimation of the estate by fiscal measures.

T. H. CLIFFORD
Chudleigh, Devon.

Suffering taxmen

SIR—How one's heart bleeds for the suffering taxmen (report, Feb. 12) as they groan under loads of stress and anxiety imposed on them by cruel Victorian ironmaster bosses. "Jones! This is a disgrace—this letter and form you are sending out can be understood by anyone!"

But in their suffering, they might spare a thought for the taxpayers' anguish as these brutal, unintelligible, usually wrongly calculated and often unnecessary forms thud through the letter-boxes of the nation.

R. BARKER
London, N.W.4.

Two to come

SIR—Maybe a similar survey should be carried out among their clients who, as in my case, are apt to receive a second application income-tax demand dated one day later than the first application.

ROBERT H. ANGIBAULT
Sevenoaks, Kent.

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Trendy young are giving up their blue jeans image

By DAVID MILLWARD

THE under 25s appear to be turning away from the "scruffy" image of recent years and moving towards greater style and colour in their clothes.

And one of the casualties in this switch to more smarter outfits, which frequently have a more sporty image, is the blue denim jeans uniform that has been more or less mandatory for so long.

The possible end of a trend was highlighted yesterday when Levi Strauss announced that they were closing two plants in Scotland.

The company maintained that demand for denim was still high but added that recent trading experience and forecasts indicated the need to reduce capacity in Britain and Europe.

According to Mr David Buck, textile analyst at stockbrokers De Zoete and Bevan, the blue jeans market declined by about seven per cent. a year from 1980-83. Although there was a slight recovery early last year it then tailed off.

Ironic timing

The changing trend had been noted by Levi and ironically the cutbacks were announced the day after it held a fashion show at St Martin's School of Art in London.

At this show a new range of denim wear including coats and jackets designed by students was displayed. A company spokesman said the show was in line with its new marketing strategy.

"We are into many other things now such as tops and sweat shirts and we are launching a new range of sports wear."

Among many teenagers, especially young men who populate football terraces, there is a great emphasis on "designer" sports wear.

Nike training shoes, Ellesse tops and Lacoste shirts are a must for many teenagers wanting to cut an impressive figure.

Many youngsters favour the triangular look with broad shouldered jackets and denim trousers, as opposed to jeans, being bought together for about 1955.

Denim is now being used alongside "chambray," another cotton fabric, as a fashion material and offering a slightly softer look.

The increasing passion for sportswear has also benefited Adidas which used to be best known for football boots and tennis shoes.

It now offers a wide range of track suits, shirts and sweaters and is opening shops marketing its own brand.

Although denim as a fabric does not appear to have gone out of fashion blue jeans, which were the mainstay of Levi's Scottish operation, appear to be on the wane.

SEX-AND-DRUGS TEACHER JAILED

A music teacher who gave LSD and cannabis to young boys and sexually assaulted two of them was jailed for six years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

John Foss, 42, of Watford Way, Hendon, who was also a choirmaster, admitted indecency against two boys, aged 13 and 11, abducting the younger boy from an amusement arcade in Holloway, and supplying drugs to the 13 year old and his brother, aged 12.

EX-YARD MAN HEADS INTERPOL

By Our Scotland Yard Staff

Commander Raymond Kendall, formerly of Scotland Yard, was yesterday appointed acting secretary-general of Interpol.

He will succeed Inspector André Bossard, 58, of France, who resigned yesterday for health reasons.

LITERARY CUTS 'A DISASTER'

By KEITH NURSE
Arts Correspondent

A PROPOSAL by the management of the Arts Council to abolish its literature department was criticised yesterday by Mr Norman Buchan, Labour's spokesman on the arts.

It was "disastrous news," especially to new writers, and specialist and smaller publishers, he said.

Under the plan Mr Charles Osborne, a prolific writer and literature director for the past 14 years, a deputy director, and administrative officer and two secretaries are to be replaced from April 1 by a part-time officer and part-time secretary.

Mr Osborne, who has frequently clashed with writers' organisations over accusations that he has not been "fighting for his corner," left this week for a holiday in Australia.

Budget cut back

The proposals would mean that remaining members of the department, which would no longer have an executive voice in the decision making, would report to Mr Richard Pulford, the Council's deputy secretary-general.

The cutting back of the literature budget from its present £898,000 to £518,600 in 1985-86, a reduction advocated in the "Glory of the Garden" strategy document last year, has already caused much anger.

The Arts Council insisted yesterday: "Nobody has been made redundant. Discussions about staffing levels in the literature department are taking place. A proposal was made by the management and regarded as unacceptable by the staff side."

BOMBS TO BE CLEARED FOR ISLAND AIRPORT

By Our Defence Staff

A detachment from the Royal Engineers bomb disposal unit is to fly to the Solomon Islands on Monday to clear unexploded bombs and ammunition to make way for an extension of Henderson airfield on the Island of Guadalcanal.

The 24-strong party will be led by Cpt Paddy Bowen, who personally defused the one-ton wartime bomb found at Sheffield at the end of last week.

Henderson airfield, which serves Honiara, the capital, was started by the Japanese during the Second World War, completed by the Americans, and extended several times since the war. On the last occasion over 12,000 explosive items ranging from mortars to 1,000lb bombs were picked up from a 200-acre site.

HEROIN HAUL

Heroin with a street value of £750,000 has been found by Customs officers at Heathrow sewn into the jacket of an Asian arriving from Bombay.

The Princess of Wales arriving at the Sir Michael Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Headington, near Oxford, yesterday.

PRINCESS BITES HER NAILS

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE Princess of Wales admitted yesterday that she had tried everything to break her nail-biting habit.

The 23-year-old Princess was visiting the Churchill Hospital in Oxford and stopped to talk to volunteer manicurist Mrs Ros Scott.

Displaying her ragged nails which were bitten to the quick she lamented: "Mine are terrible. I have tried everything to stop, it's a nervous habit and I just bite my nails."

Then she asked Mrs Scott, "have you got a miracle cure?" When Mrs Scott, 65, suggested bitter aloes the Princess laughingly replied "I think I'm too old to stop now."

Often gloveless

Although the Princess has not been seen nibbling her nails in public, her bitten fingernails have been commented on in the past. They are usually on view as she seldom wears gloves even in the coldest weather.

When she arrived the Princess expressed concern for a group of elderly patients waiting in the biting cold to meet her.

She told 80-year-old Harry Price: "It's far too cold for you to stay out here." He said he did not mind because he was able to meet her but added: "I shall be very glad to get back inside."

Hypnosis treatment

OUR MEDICAL CONSULTANT writes: If traditional cures for nail-biting, such as painting the fingers with unpleasant substances, fail, medical hypnosis is a method of treatment. This takes the form of ego-strengthening, or more simply, increasing the willpower.

Children can join free at homosexual centre

By IAN BOYNE

CHILDREN under the age of 14 are being offered free membership of a new centre for London's lesbians and homosexual men which officiall opens next month.

Last night Cllr David Hyams, leader of the SDP opposition on Islington council, called it "totally irresponsible."

According to a membership application form for the centre, in a five-storey building in Cowcross Street, Islington, near Smithfield market, the youngsters will be allowed free membership.

The centre, which has been funded by the Greater London Council at a cost of more than £700,000, is run by the London Lesbian and Gay Group.

It includes a cafe, bar, meeting rooms, creche and "women's only space."

People wishing to join are required to fill in an application form which says: "I identify as a Lesbian/Gay man." The cost of joining is £15 for people in work and £7·50 for the unemployed and pensioners.

Mr Michael Aldridge, Press officer of the London Lesbian and Gay Group, denied that the aim of the application form was to "solicit" youngsters.

"It has been pointed out to us that the form is perhaps badly worded—and we accept that—and are now drafting a new form which will do away with any insinuating slurs."

He said that children would only be allowed into the centre if they were accompanied by their parents or legal guardian.

HURDS EXPECT BABY

Mr Hurd, 54, Ulster Secretary, is to become a father for the fifth time. His second wife, Judy, 36, is expecting a baby in August.

BEST FEATURE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's Best Feature of the Year award is to be presented to the Brazilian photographer Sebastiao Salgado, it was announced at the World Press Photo Exhibition in Amsterdam.

The award is to be made for his photographs of the famine in Ethiopia, which will appear in the TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE tomorrow.

Sebastiao Salgado, 41, works for the Magnum Agency. He has also been awarded the Oscar Barnak award for the Best Humanity Story of the Year for the same feature. A former United Nations economist, Salgado only started taking pictures in 1974.

Court's farewell to a magistrate with the common touch

ONE of London's most popular magistrates, Mr St John Harmsworth, 71, has retired after 24 years as a stipendiary, 18 of them at Marlborough Street court.

Eleven magistrates, two judges and many lawyers were among guests at his farewell party.

Mr David Hopkins, chief metropolitan magistrate, said that Mr Harmsworth "has probably left a much greater mark on this court than any other magistrate who sat here."

Mr Harmsworth, who lives in Chelsea, is famed for his good nature and razor-sharp wit on the bench.

The qualities made him unique as a magistrate, and at a special sitting at the court yesterday morning, they were praised on behalf of the Chairman of the Bar of England and Wales, by Mr James Bullen, a barrister.

'A tradition'

He recalled the case of a demonstrato ron a public order charge which Mr Harmsworth dismissed, saying: "Egg throwing is a time-honoured tradition in British political life."

Another time, a distraught shiplifterwho stole shortly before she was due to have a serious operation was able to go to hospital "in some dignity after the magistrate ensured she had funds to buy a nightgown and other essentials before leaving court.

"You have shown a compassion for people which goes far beyond that shown by your colleagues," said Mr Bullen. "Your understanding of human frailty has been outstanding . . . you are going to be a hard act to folow, and your successor will have a difficult task to liv eup to your high reputation."

Mr Timothy Lawrence, a solicitor, recalled how Mr Harmsworth saved the dignity of the court from being ruffled after a disgruntled defendant being led out of the dock shouted "You bald old bastard!"

"All were taken to laughter when, with prompt humour, you replied 'Well, he's right on two of those points'."

Mr Lawrence said that despite the pressures on magistrates from Government and other quarters, the independence of the judiciary had been safe with Mrs Harmsworth. "You have always distinguished yourself as being very much your own man . . . your administration of justice has been a combination of speed, fairness and inevitable courtesy."

In 1976, Mr Harmsworth made legal history when he became the first British magistrate to refer a case to the European Court of Justice for clarification on his powers to deport a Frenchman on drugs charges. The Luxembourg judges eventually ruled against deportation of a Common Market national from a member State.

He once advised a prostitute on a soliciting charge "If you can't be good, be careful," and more recently jailed a man for a month for contempt of court after he refused to sit in the dock.

Lucky burglar

But a burglar who stole a penny lollipop was luckier. Mr Harmsworth described the prosecution as "nonsense," and told the man: "You must not go about taking lollipops. It only ends in trouble. However, in all the circumstances I shall say a penny fine or a day's detention."

The gentleman magistrate, always sporting a buttonhole rose on his pin-striped suits, has a particular affection for the West End prostitutes, whom he regards as a part of London life and who plan to bring in a gift for his retirement.

It was with tongue in cheek that Mr Hopkin stated that he wished to dispel the rumour that now that Mr Harmsworth is going, the prostitutes will be refusing to appear at Marlborough Street in future.

Three ladies of dubious character were, however, jailed for three months by the magistrate some years ago after they duped a visiting Swiss bank clerk out of his money over three consecutive days before he accepted that their offers of sex were false promises.

And when the man asked the court to order the girls to return his cash, Mr Harmsworth replied "Certainly not. He is a mug of world class."

DEATH LEAP

An unidentified woman fell 180ft to her death from the roof of St Peter's Basilica yesterday in what Vatican officials said was an apparent suicide. — AP.

A grave, unholy crime

TEENAGER ANDREW DARLING was prosecuted yesterday under the 1860 Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act, which forbids riotous, violent or indecent behaviour in holy places.

His crime: Sniffing glue in a churchyard.

The 18-year-old, from Westwood Street, Sunderland, denied it, but was found guilty by South Shields magistrates and fined £50.

He was caught in All Saints churchyard in nearby Cleadon village on Nov. 17.

Mr KINGSLEY HYLAND, prosecuting, said glue-sniffing was indecent behaviour because it was offensive to public morality.

Mr DEREK WINTER, defending, said glue-sniffing in itself was not illegal, nor was standing in a churchyard. He was not contending that glue-sniffing is not indecent behaviour, but he claimed his client hadn't been doing it.

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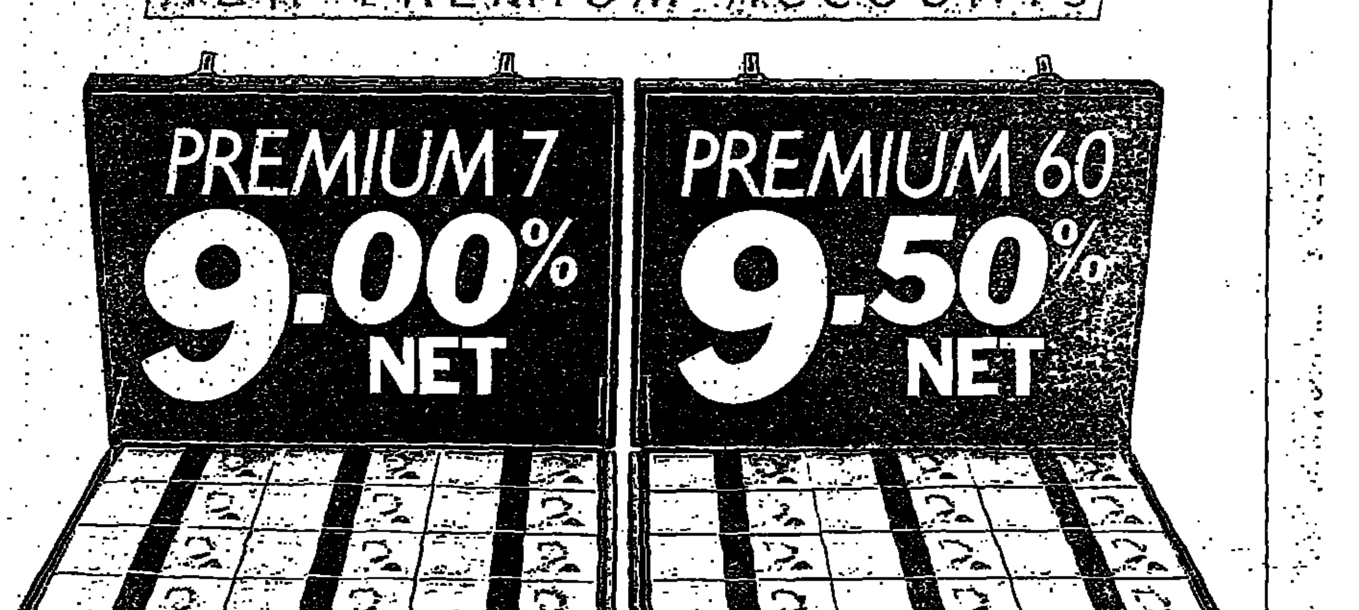

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ACCOUNT: Feb. 11-Feb. 22
PAY DAY: March 4.
BARGAINS TRANS: 24,448
RISES: 445. **FALLS:** 327.
UNCHANGED: 1,003.
EQUITY TURNOVER (Feb. 14): Number of bargains 23,693; value £465·28 million. Shares traded: 226·8 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, February 15, 1985

	Index	Change	High (1984-85)	Low (1984-85)
Indust. Ord.	979·9	−4·8	1024·5	755·2
Govt. Secs.	80·13	−0·48	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	495·8	+3·1	711·7	439·5
Fixed Int.	83·97	−0·44	87·48	80·43
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·40	−0·03	5·29	4·22
Earn Yld p.c.	10·99	−0·09	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1281·5	−8·3	1305·7	986·7

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SHIPPING

High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −	Cvr	Yld
260	162	British & Com	263	+3	2.5	b2.8
157	90	Fisher, J.	100	..	2.0	b4.3
700	510	Graig Shipping	593	−2	1.9	b2.4
102	84	Hunting Gibson	94	..	2.9	10.2
60	45½	Jacobs, John	57	−1	0.8	e7.5
6	3	London&Over	3	−½	—	—
113	11	Lyle Ship.	11	..	—	e—
82½	26	Mersey Dk Unit	40	−1	—	—
95	28	Milford Dock.	88	−1	—	—
159	108	Ocean Transpt	150	−1	—	4.3
416	248	P. & O. Defd.	365	−3	1.7	4.9
47	4	Reardon Smith	15½	−½	—	—
115	74	Runciman, W.	76	..	1.1	8.4

SHOES & LEATHER

High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −	Cvr	Yld
525	332	Church & Co.	500	..	2.5	3.1
242	190	FII Group	218	−7	3.1	3.7
200	105	Garner Booth	196	−1	5.0	b5.4
48	35	Headlam Sims	35	..	—	c—
205	104	Lambert Hth.	200	..	3.7	b4.4
133	71	Newbold&Brtn	96	..	1.8	6.9
98	70	Pittard Grp.	95	..	2.8	b6.8
233	103	Strong & Fisher	134	−4	4.1	4.3
186	79	Stylo	185	+15	1.8	1.5

TEXTILES

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High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −	Cvr	Yld
385	175	B A T Inds.	376	−9	3.5	b3.1
89	54½	Carroll Inds.	85	..	2.3	7.2
219	157	Imps	200	−2	A	5.4
202	112	Rothmans	185	−3	6.6	b4.6

* Ex-dividends. † Ex-scrip. ‡ Ex-all. § Ex-rights. a: Ex-Capital Returns. A: Report and Accounts awaited. South African Gold Producers, cover relates to the last account year. b: interim since raised. c: interim since lowered or passed. e: Forecasts dividend. Cover relates to previous year's dividend. f: Forecast dividend and earnings. p: Yield includes special payment. Yield excludes special payment. *** Quotation temporarily suspended. z Unlisted security. ° Tax free to non-residents

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Australia	1·47½ dollars
Austria	24·70 schillings
Belgium	71·25 francs
Canada	1·47 dollars
Denmark	12·80 kroner
Finland	7·47 markkaa
France	10·84 francs
Germany	3·53½ marks
Greece	*147·00 drachmae
Holland	4·015 guilders
Iceland	*46·00 kronur
Ireland	1·15½ punt
Israel	725·00 shekel
Italy	*2190 lira
Japan	282 yen
Malta	*0·58 pounds
New Zealand	2·32 dollars
Norway	10·25 kroner
Portugal	*192·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·00 rand
Spain	*196·00 pesetas
Sweden	10·11 kronor
Switzerland	3·00 francs
Turkey	500·00 lira
United States	1·09½ dollars
Yugoslavia	*284·00 dinars

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370	Bunzl (nil pd)	77 pm ..
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80	Newman Tonks (nil pd)	6 pm − 1
39	Renold (nil pd)	8 pm ..
210	Royal Bank of Scot. (nil pd)	28 pm − 2
650	Samuelson Film (nil pd)	350 pm ..
33½	Sangers (nil pd)	6 pm − 1
40	Southwest Res. (nil pd)	12 pm + 4
178	Westpac (nil pd)	65 pm ..

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Issue Price			
180	Access Satellite Intnl.	210	..
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140	Alida Holdings	164	..
10¼	Bennett Fountain	14½	−½
180	Berkley Tech	161	−1
90	Blue Bird Toys	145	+5
130	Brit. Telecom (50p pd)	128½	−1½
180	Candover	198	−2
105	Consd. Tern. Inv.	98	−2
115	Craton Lodge & Knight Gp	183	..
—	European Inv Bank (£50pd)	101⅛	−1
£97½	Exch. 11½ 1990 (£20 pd)	£20¼	−⅛
28	Healthcare Services	21	−2
145	Hillsdown	178	−5
—	Industrial Scotland Energy	130	−20
—	Johnson Matt 8% CV C Pref.	142	−3
—	Kinnear & Forster	55	..
—	Monument Oil	23	..
55	Optometrics (USA)	47	−1
150	Penney & Giles Intnl	165	+2
92	Process Systems	81	−1
—	Racal 7% conv	102½	−2½
20	Rex Williams	26	+½
—	Sangers 11% Conv. Ln.	6	−1
68	Stratax TV	103	+4
174	Sunapse	215	..
95	Whitworth Food Gp.	125	−2

THE POUND ABROAD

	15-2-85	Prev. close
Austria	25.30−.37	25.19−.24
Belgium*	73.25−.37	72.16−.27
Canada	1.4758−.4783	1.4646−.4671
Denmark	12.8902−.9074	12.8609−.8681
France	11.0110−.0450	10.9850−11.0055
Germany W	3.6081−.6051	3.5921−.5951
Holland	4.0748−.0818	4.0681−.0751
Ireland	1.1674−.1688	1.1610−.1670
Italy	2227.83−2235.56	2211.14−2218.65
Japan	283.77−285.14	284.48−.88
Norway	10.3602−.3817	10.3173−.3385
Portugal	197.84−201.53	197.39−199.58
Spain	199.11−.81	198.85−.98
Sweden	10.2014−.2327	10.1751−.1935
Switzerland	3.0585−.0686	3.0877−.0631
Utd. States	1.1022−.1032	1.0930−.0940

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 71·5 (71·1) CLOSE 71·4 (71·1) (Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 265.05−268.50
Australia	A$1 4920−1.4970
Brazil	Cruzeiro 4165.08−4189.81
Cyprus	C£ 0.7355−0.7401
Finland	Markka 7.51½−7.62½
Greece	Drachma 145.04−147.96
Hong Kong	HK$ 8.5950−8.6050
India	Rupee 14.1442
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3383−0.3400
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3370−0.3400
Malaysia	Ringgit 2.79¾−2.80½
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 3.9180−3.9480
Singapore	S$ 2.4640−2.4740
South Africa	Rand 2.0960−2.1040
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.0130−4.0515

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	15-2-85	Prev. close
France	10·000	10·0575
Germany	3·2650	3·2880
Switzerland	2·7745	2·7985
Japan	255·60	260·42
Trade weighted ave.	150·00	151·00

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DOLLARS: 7 days 8½−8⅜; 1 month 8 15/16−8 13/16; 3 months 8 15/16−9 1/16; 6 months 9⅜−9¼

MARKS: 7 days 5 5/16−5 11/16; 1 month 5 11/16−5 9/16; 3 months 6⅛−6 1/16; 6 months 6⅛−6⅛

SWISS FRANCS: 7 days 1⅝−1⅞; 1 month 5½−5⅜; 3 months 5⅝−5⅞; 6 months 5 13/16−5 11/16

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	14⅜−13½ Gro.pm	41½−38½ Gro.pm
Belgium	22−16 c.pm	53−44 c.pm
Canada	0.47−0.41 c.pm	1.24−1.12 c.pm
Denmark	4⅛−5⅛ Ore pm	9−7⅝ Ore pm
France	3⅛−2½ c.pm	6⅞−5⅞ c.pm
Germany W	2⅜−2¼ Pfg pm	6½−6⅛ Pfg pm
Holland	2¼−2 c.pm	6⅜−5⅞ c.pm
Italy	PAR−2Lr. dis	5−9 Lire dis
Japan	1⅜−1½ Yen pm	4⅛−4⅝ Yen pm
Norway	⅛−⅛ Ore pm	4−3¼ Ore pm
Portugal	190−595 c.dis	495−1585 c.dis
Spain	25−10 c.pm	45−10 c.pm
Sweden	⅛ Ore p−1½ O.dis	1⅛−2⅛ Ore.dis
Switzerland	2−1⅞ c.pm	5⅞−5½ c.pm
Utd. States	0.47−0.44 c.pm	1.21−1.16 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $304·90 2nd Fix $304·00
Close $304·25 ($304·50)
Sterling Equiv. £276·91 (£276·48)

KRUGERRANDS*

£281·00−£281·20 (£287·00−£283·50)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£256·20−£261·15 (£258·05−£262·09)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£63·00−£79·36 (£65·00−£80·50)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 14pc (Jan. 28)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 10½pc (Feb. 1)
DISCOUNT MKT.: Day-to-Day 6−14¼
INTERBANK: Overnight 14−14¼; 7 days 14−14⅛; 1 month 14−14⅛; 3 months 13 15/16−13 11/16; 6 months 12⅞−12¾
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS: Two days 14; Seven days 14; One month 14; Three months 13⅞
BANK BILLS: 1 month 13 25/32−13⅝; 3 months 13¼−13⅝; 6 months 11 15/16−12 3/16
TREAS. BILLS: 1 month 13¾−13⅝; 2 months 13½−13½; 3 months 13⅝−13⅛
STERLING C.Ds.: 1 month 13 15/16−14; 3 months 13½−13¾; 1 year 12−12⅛
DOLLAR C.Ds.: 1 month 8.60−8.70; 3 months 8.85−8.95; 1 year 9.90−10.00

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	104·12	105·09−104·12	2755	105·02−101·22
	June	104·18	105·04−105·00	32	106·19−101·24
US T-bond	Mar	72·00	72·21−71·30	1531	74·06−59·25
	June	—	—	—	72·16−59·24
3 month £	Mar	86·90	87·07−86·80	2478	90·64−86·82
	June	88·35	88·54−88·25	427	90·15−87·40
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·47	90·87−90·73	3533	91·36−88·06
	June	90·09	90·26−90·06	1938	90·89−89·03
Sterling	Mar	1·0985	1·1020−1·0952	195	1·2770−1·0815
	June	1·0885	1·0910−1·0860	589	1·1438−1·0000
D-mark	Mar	0·3055	0·3076−0·3063	10	0·3437−0·3032
	June	—	—	—	0·3055−0·3036
Swiss Franc	Mar	0·3600	0·3603−0·3600	12	0·4015−0·3658
	June	—	—	—	—
Yen	Mar	—	—	—	0·4108−0·3832
	June	—	—	—	—
FT-SE 100	Mar	127·85	129·15−127·55	267	137·00−112·00
	June	128·15	128·30−128·00	5	131·00−120·40

Contract specifications include: Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000. US T-bond notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000. 3 month sterling eurodollars—£250,000, $1 million with cash settlement option. Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face value of £25,000, Dm 125,000, SwF 125,000, and Yen 12,500,000. FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Exercise Price	Calls Apr.	Calls July	Calls Oct.	Puts Apr.	Puts July	Puts Oct.
BP	500	72	85	95	6	16	23
BP	550	35	50	62	23	35	40
Comm. Union	180	17	19	22	3	14	17
Comm. Union	200	10	13	16	22	28	32
Cons. Gold	460	75	83	92	5	10	16
Cons. Gold	500	45	53	64	20	28	37
Courtaulds	130	18	21	—	4	6	—
Courtaulds	140	10	15	19	8	4	12
GEC	200	14	20	28	16	18	20
GEC	220	5	11	18	30	30	34
Grand Met.	300	18	28	37	16	20	27
Grand Met.	330	6	14	20	40	42	48
ICI	850	67	80	75	32	45	57
ICI	900	20	55	45	67	77	87
Land Securities	280	25	32	37	4	6	9
Land Securities	300	13	19	24	13	16	19
Marks & Spencer	120	10	14	18	5	8	12
Marks & Spencer	130	5	7½	13	11	14	16
Shell	750	43	65	73	23	28	35
Shell	800	20	33	43	45	52	60
Traf. House	360	29	36	41	10	16	19
Traf. House	390	12	18	26	22	25	29

Option	Exercise Price	Calls Feb.	Calls May	Calls Aug.	Puts Feb.	Puts May	Puts Aug.
Exchequer 10pc 1989	£92	1	2	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Exchequer 10pc 1989	£94	1	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Barclays	600	17	37	50	8	23	30
Barclays	650	2	17	30	42	57	63
BAT Inds.	360	20	28	48	1	15	25
BAT Inds.	390	2	23	35	18	30	36
British Telecom	120	6	16	18	1	8½	8
British Telecom	130	1	9½	14	4½	9	12
Imperial Grp	200	1	16	20	4½	17	22
Imperial Grp	220	—	8	12	21	30	32
LASMO	330	50	68	78	1	3	13
LASMO	360	20	47	55	3	20	23
Lonrho	160	16	20	25	1	3	8
Lonrho	180	1	8	12	7	18	18
P & O	360	10	25	37	4	15	23
P & O	390	2	12	22	27	38	42
Racal	180	—	20	38	—	8	8
Vaal Reefs	200	4	16	26	9	16	17
R.T.Z.	650	22	57	67	5	22	28
R.T.Z.	700	—	32	38	—	47	57
Vaal Reefs	$85	9	15½	17	1	4½	8
Vaal Reefs	$90	2	9	11	4½	8	11

Option	Exercise Price	Calls Mar.	Calls June	Calls Sept.	Puts Mar.	Puts June	Puts Sept.
Beecham	360	17	27	35	18	20	25
Beecham	390	4½	13	18	37	42	47
Boots	460	63	75	85	5	12	13
Boots	500	22	40	52	12	22	35
De Beers	460c	42	62	76	16	30	42
De Beers	500c	25	42	53	32	48	65
BTR	600	32	40	47	20	32	40
BTR	700	11	18	27	67	72	82
GKN	180	27	34	40	3	7	10
GKN	200	12	20	26	4	13	16
Hanson Tst.	200	17	24	30	9	10	24
Hanson Tst.	220	8	14	20	18	22	28
Jaguar	330	22	24	35	15	16	21
Jaguar	360	11	17	24	37	40	42
Tesco	220	23	27	32	5½	4	9
Tesco	240	8	14	17	—	11	15
FT-SE 100	1250	55	72	93	24	44	44
FT-SE 100	1300	27	48	70	46	67	88

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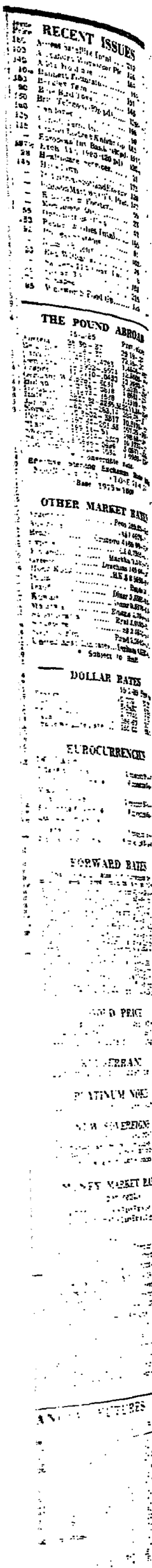

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STOCK EXCHANGE

Gilts attract buyers

"GILTS out in front, the rest nowhere." That was one dealer's description of the London stock market scene yesterday and it was a very fair one.

The growing feeling that the dollar had at last peaked-out was not shared by all market observers, but the signs seemed encouraging and the brighter performance of sterling certainly put the spotlight on government securities. Increased buying activity in the sector enable the Government broker to sell about £200 million of the "tap" Exchequer 11 p.c. 1990, and provided a solid-looking background for the subsequent announcement of a new issue of Index-linked stock, £400 million of Treasury 2½p.c. 2013.

Final quotations were a little below the best in places, but the tone was still good and the printed lists showed gains of up to £1½, although about £½ of these rises were scored late on Thursday.

In contrast, the industrial sections became much quieter and the blue chips developed some irregularity on profit-taking; the "30" index closed 4·8 down at 979·9 and the "100" index 8·3 lower at 1281·5.

Bright features were in evidence, although these were usually confined to the takeover favourites and shares encouraged by company news.

There was a flury of speculative activity in **James Finlay**, the international traders and financiers. The market price advanced to 165p before closing 6 up at 156p on suggestions that the 28·89 p.c. stake held by John Swire was about to change hands. **Avon Rubber** advanced 17 to 295p on talk that BTR could make an offer if it is unsuccessful with its bid for Dunlop. **BTR** ended 12 down at 644p and **Dunlop** ½p better at 46p.

Vickers, due to produce results on February 25, were the subject of a bear squeeze and ended 9 up at a peak of 247p, after 248p. **Associated Fisheries** where Eastern Produce retains a major stake, were active and firm on bid hopes, closing 9 higher at 111p.

Active builders

Selective buyers were nibbling in the building sector and favoured shares included **Ward Holdings**, at 160p, **Benford Concrete**, at 70p, and **Ruberoid**, at 214p. **Attwoods** gained 7 more to 110p on further consideration of the United States acquisition, while **British Car Auctions** were better at 90p in sympathy.

Imperial Chemical Industries, due to produce the second interim report on February 28, ended 5 easier at 854p, after 852. Other dullish spots were **Beecham Group**, at 357p, **Hawker Siddeley**, at 432p, and **BAT Industries**, at 376p. Against the trend, **Bowater Industries** were 6 better at 238p as buyers expressed hopes for the full year's results, due to be announced on March 21.

A brokers' downgrading of the profit forecast further undermined **Lex Service Group**, which dropped to 220p before closing 13 down at 240p. Profit-taking left its mark on **Jaguar**, also 13 lower at 332p, but demand in a thin market prompted ready responses in **Intereurope**, 45 up at 445p, **Milford Docks**, 8 higher at 95p, **British Vending Industries**, 6 better at 69p, and **Logica**, 28 to the good at 312p.

Takeover speculators came for **Rowntree Mackintosh**, 10 up at 575p, after 575p, **British Mohair**, 5 firmer at 135p, **Carpets International**, 6 higher at 42p, and **Stylo**, 16 up at 186p.

Stake change news continued to direct attention to **Manchester Ship Canal**, 5 better at 528p, after 535p, while TAILPIECE comment left **United Parcels** 8 higher at 98p.

Study of the Inmos figures prompted some interest in **Thorn EMI** which closed 9 higher at 451p, but a disappointing interim report left **M S International** 5 down at 40p, after 37p.

Oil shares ended on a rather mixed note, with **British Petroleum** 5 off at 570p and "**Shell**" down at 781p, after 775p. On the other hand, **Britoil** improved to 215p, **Ultramar** to 206p, **Lasmo** to 381p, and **Burmah** to 217p.

There was a flurry of activity in **Trafford Park Estates**, 23 up at 223p.

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Grp	623·49	(−3·05)
500 "	674·71	(−2·43)
All-Share	616·98	(−2·18)

Bank shares fall on Brazil's IMF setback

By ANNE SEGALL

THE FRAGILITY of confidence in world banking was underlined yesterday when British bank shares took a tumble following news that Brazil has failed to fulfil its economic pledges to the International Monetary Fund and is having to negotiate a new letter of intent.

The news comes at a time when banks are having to decide what provisions need to be made against third world loans in the run-up to the annual dividend season.

Bank shares have risen by almost one-third since their low point late last summer on the assumption that the worst of the third world debt crisis is over. But concern over Brazil yesterday knocked Lloyds shares by 25p to 564p, with Barclays losing 8p to 612p and National Westminster also 8p down at 669p.

The International Monetary Fund went out of its way to dispel fears that there has been a total breakdown in its relations with Brazil. But the decision to withhold further funds until a new letter of intent is agreed is regarded as a serious step.

In the past, the IMF has been prepared to overlook Brazil's inability to live up to its commitments on the control of domestic money and inflation. Brazil, which is on its seventh letter of intent, has twice received a "waiver" for failing to perform.

London-based bankers expressed "considerable disappointment" over the latest hitch in the Brazilian debts crisis. Brazil is the world's biggest debtor, with total external debts of around $100 billion.

In recent weeks, leading international banks, including Lloyds have been working hard to conclude a multiyear rescheduling deal with Brazil along lines agreed with Mexico last September.

It was hoped that the deal would defuse the Brazilian debts crisis by allowing the country an extra 16 years to repay the $45 billion of loans which fall due between now and 1991. This would have made it the longest rescheduling deal ever.

Banks were keen to finalise terms with the outgoing administration of President Joao Figueiredo instead of having to face the prospect of new talks with the incoming government of recently-elected Sr Tancredo Neves.

Now the Advisory Committee of 14 banks leading talks with Brazil has had to put the deal on ice.

The Advisory Committee yesterday appealed to Brazil's international bank creditors to roll on roughly $15 billion of short-term trade and interbank credits due to mature on Feb. 19 until the end of May.

The appeal, made by telex from New York on behalf of the Brazilian government, is aimed at providing the Brazilians with time to agree a new letter of intent with the IMF. Talks with the fund are due to start in Washington on Monday.

Yesterday's telex also included a special message from IMF managing director, M. Jacques de Larosiere, painting a positive picture of Brazil's economic achievements on the trade side and calling for the continued co-operation of international banks.

Thorn plans to float off part of Inmos

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

THORN EMI is pushing ahead with plans to float off part of Inmos, the microchip company it bought last year, and is considering plans for a third manufacturing plant.

The stock market quotation is more likely to be in the United States than in Britain, where the City has not taken kindly to the acquisition, and the new plant to supplement the existing United States and Welsh operations could be in the Netherlands.

This emerged yesterday when the former State-controlled company announced its first profitable year's operations after piling up losses of £52 million during a traumatic five years since its formation.

Net profits were £14·4 million against a loss of £13·5 million for 1983 on a turnover almost three times higher at £110·8 million. The figures are in line with forecasts by Inmos when Thorn paid £95 million for the Government's 76·1 p.c. stake last year.

Decisions on the flotation are likely later this year but Harold Mourgue, Inmos chairman, made it clear Thorn intends to maintain a substantial majority and will be looking to raise up to £50 million to tap a fresh source of finance and fulfil the undertaking to share owning employees to give them a chance to increase their capital.

Thorn EMI picked up only 8 p.c. of the 24 p.c. stake held by employees after extending its £18 a share offer to them. Mr Mourgue said many were convinced that Inmos shares would be worth "£100 in the next few years." Most of the 2,000 employees are shareholders.

Mr Mourgue said a United States quotation would provide more opportunities for Inmos "simply because the United States is a more sophisticated place to start up than the United Kingdom."

Inmos invested £28 million last year and will be spending substantially more this year, with Thorn providing a sizeable contribution. The production emphasis will continue on premium microchips and new developments in the transputer — computer on a chip — field.

"We have never pretended we are turning out jelly beans," said Mr Mourgue.

Oil price policy challenged

A NEW inquiry into the Government's North Sea oil price policy was announced yesterday by the Commons energy committee as spot markets continued to firm and supplies for quick delivery were sold at a premium.

The backbench committee of MPs, which criticised the Government in an earlier report for providing £45 million in subsidies to cover losses by the British National Oil Corporation, has already received what it describes as "interesting" written submissions from the Treasury and Foreign Office.

The MPs say they want to discover whether the Government's policy has been fully explained to the Commons and whether a cut in prices would benefit the economy. They also want to examine whether Britain should follow Norway and switch to a spot market related policy.

The committee is anxious to produce its report before the Commons debates the latest subsidy being sought by the Government to cover losses made by BNOC in buying oil at $28·65 a barrel and selling at lower prices in the spot market.

Baker confirms U.S. currency intervention

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

UNITED STATES Treasury Secretary James Baker yesterday confirmed that the American government has intervened in foreign exchange markets within the past week.

In an unusual statement that appeared designed to clear up confusion surrounding Americas foreign exchange intervention policy, Mr Baker said the United States has "adopted a moderation in the tone" of its intervention strategy at the behest of foreign trading partners.

Although Mr Baker emphasised that the basic stance remains that intervention should only be undertaken when markets are "disorderly" a senior Treasury official said that in past weeks the central bank has intervened in markets that were not disorderly.

Mr Baker believed recent intervention by the Central Banks of the group of five had some effect on controlling the dollar.

He noted, however, that despite intervention the dollar continued to rise and that this underscores the administration's contention that Central Bank dabbling in the market place can only have a mior impact on currency exchange rates.

"In view of the size of the market, intervention can do little more than take a currency down a notch," Mr Baker said.

Meanwhile, in New York financial markets share prices and the dollar edged down slightly despite encouraging reports from the government on inflation and industrial production.

The index closed at 1282·02—down 5·86.

The Labour Department reported that wholesale inflation started off flat in January. Producer prices of finished goods remained unchanged last month, following a modest 0·2 p.c. rise in December.

The Federal Reserve also handed Wall Street an encouraging report that failed to spark any stock buying enthusiasm.

Industrial production continued on an upward path in the new year. During January, output at America's factories, utilities and mines rose a seasonally-adjusted 0·4 p.c. on the heels of a 0·5 p.c. increase in December and an 0·4 p.c. boost in November.

● Sterling in New York closed at $1·1030, against $1·0925.

SATURDAY COMMENT

By Andreas Whittam Smith

Annual inflation rate set to top 6pc mark

THE annual inflation rate could now rise to 6 p.c. or slightly more for the first time since the late autumn of 1982. The collapse of the pound and the higher interest rates used to defend the currency are the most obvious reasons.

Next Friday publication of the retail price index for January will probably reveal that a combination of higher costs of seasonal foods resulting from the cold weather, increased rail fares and some hardening in petrol prices has lifted the annual rate from 4·6 to 5 p.c.

But the January retail price index contains no change in mortgage rates, which were raised on February 1. This adjustment in itself is equivalent to 0·3 points on the inflation rate. Seasonal food prices may still be above average.

Moreover, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Lawson, seems to be trying to maintain interest rates at their present level until his Budget statement on March 19. These developments point to a 5·5 p.c. inflation rate by the late spring.

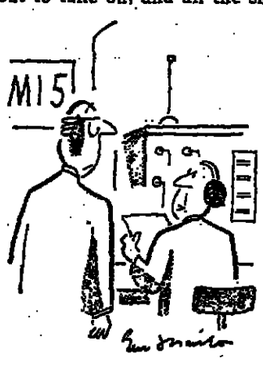
By then the impact of the most recent fall in the pound may begin to be seen. Earlier this week, for instance, the Government statistical service revealed that the cost of materials purchased by manufacturing industry other than food, drink and tobacco rose by 1·4 p.c. in December alone. This reflected higher prices for imported materials "in part arising" from the depreciation of sterling.

Factory gate prices have been rising more slowly, hovering around the 6 p.c. mark. This is partly explained by the lag effect but also because the most important element in final prices, labour costs, is under some sort of control.

While earnings in manufacturing industry have been increasing at around 8 p.c. per annum, including overtime, productivity has continued to improve. The upshot is that unit wage costs have been rising at somewhat less than 5 p.c. In the high street, too, retailers have either become more efficient or they have found themselves forced to accept lower profit margins.

What, though, will be the result of these conflicting forces? No one sees inflation lower than 5·5 p.c. at the mid-year. The consensus forecast is 6 p.c. with a number of analysts suggesting that the rate could be a shade higher by December.

But no one thinks inflation is about to take off, and all the signs are that the Budget will be designed to push the rate back below 5 p.c. as soon as possible.



"Should I describe Labour's economic policy discussions as intelligence?"

Memories on tap

MY COMMENTS last week on the Government's plans to introduce legislation that will, among other things, give the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs power to authorise phone tapping where the "economic well-being of the United Kingdom" is considered to be at risk because of international developments has drawn a valuable response. It comes from James Rusbridger, who has been following the development of surveillance techniques over many years.

Mr Rusbridger points out that as long ago as December 1920 an American Senate sub-committee revealed, much to the British Government's embarrassment, that Western Union and the Commercial Cable Company in London had been secretly ordered to turn over to British naval intelligence copies of their daily traffic. Although the order had no legal validity both companies complied for fear of losing their licences.

As a result of the Senate disclosures the Government amended the Official Secrets Act of 1911 so that telegraph companies operating in the United Kingdom were required to make available to the Foreign Secretary copies of their telegrams and a similar clause was inserted in the companies' operating licences.

Between 1920 and 1945 this arrangement remained in force says Mr Rusbridger, so that all commercial information entering or leaving the country by cable and later telex and telephone was available to the Government. Then claims Mr Rusbridger, in 1946 under a still secret Anglo-American agreement (BRUSA-UKUSA) Government access to all Britain's cable traffic was secured.

What happens now, according to my correspondent, is that certain key words in messages, for instance, "Opec," "sterling," "gold" or "forward," can be used to trigger off monitoring equipment.

This last point, which describes techniques that are well known to computer specialists, should be considered alongside the fact that modern phone tapping involves no mysterious clicks or other telltale signs. As a result the tribunal that is to be established to which people may apply if they believe that their communications have been improperly intercepted may be ineffective.

In any case there are three arguments against the clause that will add the "economic well-being" of the United Kingdom to national security and serious crime in the forthcoming legislation on phone tapping. "Economic well-being" cannot be satisfactorily defined. Moreover, as the Government trades with the private sector, for instance in foreign exchange, the possibility of surveillance would "undermine" the relationship of mutual trust upon which financial markets largely depend.

Finally, it would be dangerous to leave such powers on the statute book ready for use by some future anti-business, Left-wing administration.

The City pages on Monday

SHARP elbows in Lombard Street, where the banks have been queueing for the soon-to-be-privatised National Bus. Who caught the bus? How? Who was left waiting? Do some banks never get in the queue to do privatisations, and do others jump it? On Monday CHRISTOPHER FILDES explains in his LOMBARD STREET column.

ON Wednesday Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, testifies before the Senate Banking Committee. In ECONOMIC COMMENTARY Matthew Symonds suggests that if Mr Volcker is in the mood for delivering warnings, he will not be short of things to say.

FROM Hongkong CLIFFORD GERMAN reports on the impact on an already bullish market of the multi-million takeover bid for Wheelock Marden.

ALSO in Monday's City pages JAMES SRODES talks to rival "greenmailers" T. Boone Pickens and Ivan Boesky about next Friday's showdown over control of Phillips Petroleum.

IN the QUESTOR column Tom Kyte examines a long running takeover saga and takes a look at a developing healthcare group.

Bank in £400m gilts offer

THE BANK of England announced the offer of a new £400 million index-linked stock yesterday to prevent what has become a popular sector of the gilt-edged market becoming unruly. Its last "tranchettes" of index-linked issues ran out over a week ago.

The new issue is a 2½ p.c. Treasury Stock 2013, the first major long-term offering for well over a year. Applications have to be made by way of a tender offer lodged by February 21 and there is no minimum price for guidance.

The market believes the Bank could decide on a high price to make sure it retains some of the stock at least for use as a tap while demand for index-linked issues remains strong. Current market conditions indicate a running yield a little over 5 p.c.

Full details will be published in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH on Monday.

Dee caught by new bid rule

A NEW rule in a revised City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, not due to be officially published until the spring, caught out Dee Corporation and its advisers Morgan Grenfell just before it bid for Booker McConnell late on Wednesday evening.

Because Dee Corporation wanted to make clear it was prepared to sell some of its Booker shares if the share price rose during the course of its bid, the Take-over Panel ruled that Dee will only be able to raise its offer terms under "exceptional circumstances."

The Dee camp now accepts it will almost certainly not be able to increase its bid. The appearance of a rival bidder would probably not be exceptional enough. Only a very surprising Booker McConnell profits forecast might provide a loophole.

Dee and its advisiers discussed long and hard the implications of closing off some of their options but decided the threat of share sales might be more powerful. Dee cliped its holdipng down from 20 to 16 p.c. when the Booker price was around 275p in the run-up to its offer.

Yesterday, with Dee falling 5p to 203p, its terms were worth 254p a share—or £320 million for the whole group—while Booker's shares closed 5p down at 256p.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	201·4	—
BRUSSELS (Stock index)	1,106·12	−12·42
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,179·0	+ 3·8
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,405·93	+51·54
PARIS (CAC General)	200·80	+ 0·30
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	786·4	+ 1·0
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,148·29	+66·60
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	336·90	—

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex). — Feb. (303·20). March 305·10 (303·80). April 306·90 (305·90). June 311·30 (310·20). Aug. 315·00 (314·90). Oct. 320·70 (319·60). Dec. 325·80 (324·70). Feb. 331·10 (330). April 336·60 (335·50). June 34·40 (341·30). Aug. 348·50 (347·40). Oct. 354·70 (355·70). Dec. 361·330—(360·80). Est. sales: 23,500 contracts.

Hang Seng jumps 51 on bid for Wheelock

By CLIFFORD GERMAN in Hongkong

SHARES in Hongkong rose sharply yesterday, after the £230 million bid for Wheelock Marden helped revive investors' interest after a four-week lull.

The Hang Seng Index jumped 51 points to 1,405, its highest level since June 1982, and share volume rose to HK$709 million, more than double the recent average daily turnover.

The bid for Wheelock Marden itself developed into a tactical battle yesterday between the bidder, Mr Khoo Tech Puat, and the Weelock Board, as the "A" and "B" shares rose above the bid price of HK$6 for the "A" shares adn 60 cents for the "B" shares.

Hongkong rules allow a bidder to acquire up to 35 p.c. of the stock at any price. Beyond 35 p.c. the offer to remaining shareholders must be raised to the highest market price paid.

As Mr Khoo's offer is conditional on acquiring at least 50 p.c., his advisers cannot buy in the market above HK$5 if they genuinely want the offer to succeed without having to make a higher bid.

The "A" shares, suspended on Thursday at HK$5·80, opened at HK$6·10 and fell to HK$5·85 before rising steadily, to close at HK$6·35.

The "B" shares, which have equal votes but only one-tenth of the dividend rights, rose to 85 cents.

The Wheelock board and its advisers, East Asia Warburg, are officially still waiting for the detailed offer. But dealers believe the continuing activity represented defensive buying, possibly by Mr John Cheung, a property developer, who is on the board of several Wheelock subsidiaries and is also a major shareholder in the parent group.

Investment trio in $153m hedge

THREE investment companies, Atlantic Assets Trust, its subsidiary Independent Investment Company and Personal Assets Trust have collectively sold forward $153·15 million in the belief that the dollar is out of line with sterling.

The managers say that Government action to defend sterling is likely in the short term and that now is the appropriate time to execute their first currency hedging operation. The hedging will protect shareholders' funds against a potential fall in the dollar against sterling, they add.

The contracts mature on February 19, 1986, and were executed at $1·07586 to the pound.

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COMPANIES

Scots Heritable wins Hoskins

SCOTTISH Heritable Trust yesterday won the long drawn out battle for control of Hoskins & Horton after exploiting a rarely used clause in the City's Take-over Code, that allowed it to increase its offer for the fourth time on the 58th day of its bid.

Under the code companies are not allowed to make an increased offer after the 46th day of its original bid. If, however, in a single transaction, it can take its holding over 50 p.c. and at the same time declare its offer unconditional as to acceptances, the 46 day rule does not apply.

The trust did just that yesterday when it persuaded institutions holding 31·3 p.c. of Hoskins' equity, to accept its third increased offer. This, together with other acceptances and its own 28·81 p.c. stake, gave it 62 p.c.

It was then able to declare its offer unconditional, as required, and announced its fourth increased offer — seven Trust shares plus 245p cash, or 343p-a-share cash — worth £9·89 million.

Deficit at MS International

MS INTERNATIONAL, formerly Mining Supplies, closed 5 lower at 40p, after touching 37p at one stage yesterday, following a larger than expected opening half loss of £1·51 million against an £819,000 pre-tax profit.

The mining equipment division turned round from an operating profit of £400,000 to a £1·1 million loss. The electrical engineering side was equally affected by the coal dispute and two months of industrial action at its Norwich plant, and returned a profit of just £100,000 against £1·1 million.

The mechanical engineering division, however, continued to develop successfully and with sales up 30 p.c. to £4 million, profit doubled to £400,000. With some pick up here in National Coal Board work, following the resumption of some pits working, this improvement is expected to continue in the seasonally better second half.

With its own industrial dispute resolved, the electrical engineering side is also expected to do better but any settlement of the pits strike is unlikely to have any great impact on the year end result from the mining equipment side, although an increase in export orders will help.

Sheerness Steel chairman quits

TOP - LEVEL management changes are being made at Sheerness Steel, the private sector company, with the departure of Clancy Schueppert, chairman, chief executive and the key executive behind the development of the concern.

Mr Schueppert, who has sold his stake in Co-Steel, the Canadian company which controls Sheerness, is leaving to set up his own materials-based company outside steel.

"I have for many years wanted to go into business for myself," he said yesterday.

Sheerness turned the corner last year, producing its first profit for three years and hammering out a product on quota after a long-running dispute with the Common Market Commission.

Mr Schueppert will be succeeded as chief executive by Harry Morris, a former British Steel managing director.

Intasun

PRIVATE British holiday company Iberotravel has raised its recently-acquired 5·2 p.c. holding in Intasun Leisure Group to 8·1 p.c. The latest shares have come from Intasun non-executive Sir James Hill who retains an 8·3 p.c. stake.

Iberotravel's Spanish associate is Intasun's handling agent in Spain. Intasun's director Peter Smith says he regards Iberotravel's investment as a "compliment" to the company and is "in no way a serious bid threat." The shares rose 2p to 115p.

River Plate

RIVER Plate & General Investment Trust yesterday jumped 10 to 225p on the news that holders will be able to decide within two months of March 31, 1989 — the final exercise date available to warrant holders — whether they wish the company to continue as a trust or to take action to reduce or eliminate any discount at which the deferred shares are traded to net asset value. This may require voluntary liquidation.

Pre-tax revenue for 1984 is up from £1·51m to £1·65m and earnings from 6·32p to 7·26p. A 5·5p final dividend on March 29 makes a 7·2p (6·2p) total. Nav. was 248p (211·8p).

Thermalite

A £60 MILLION stock market launch for Thermalite, the concrete building block manufacturer, has been pencilled in for later this year or spring 1986. The company was bought out for £14m less than two years ago by its own management from the John Laing Group.

The company, which was making £1m a year, is making £6m pre-tax. A string of leading institutions own 85 p.c. of the business. Wood Mackenzie and Lloyds Bank International are working on the launch.

Quest Automation

RESTRUCTURING costs associated with the acquisition of RAW Computers and Padmede Software Services have meant that Quest Automation, the Dorset-based computer systems company, has slipped £178,000 into the red in the opening half as against a small £38,000 profit last time.

There is no interim dividend.

MONEY AND EXCHANGES

THE pound rose above the psychologically important $1·10 level to close 85 points up at $1·1027 yesterday as investors took profits in the dollar after its surge earlier in the week.

The sterling index improved from 71·1 to 71·4, reflecting strength against Continentals as well as the dollar.

A stronger pound boosted sentiment in London money markets where the key three-month interbank rate fell by ¼ point to under 13¾ p.c. while long-term hopes were reflected in a decline of ½ point to 12¼ p.c. in the one-year rate.

The recovery in the pound was insufficient however to prevent an upward adjustment in the Treasury bill rate at the weekly tender. The rate of discount on bills rose from 12·3781 p.c. to 13·1320 p.c.

The Bank of England had to organise a massive £768 million sale and repurchase arrangement in bills with the discount houses to help relieve a cash shortage in the banking system estimated at £1·2 billion. Other help was provided through outright bill purchases.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff Report

COPPER: Easy Wire Bars: off settlement £1,286·50 (£1,296), off midday cash £1,286-£1,286·50, 3 months £1,309-£1,309·50, after close cash £1,278-£1,279, 3 months £1,302-£1,302·50. T/o 18,500 tonnes. Cathodes: Idle. Off Settlement £1,283 (£1,294), off midday cash £1,280-£1,283, 3 months £1,303-£1,307, after close cash £1,274-£1,277, 3 months £1,297-£1,299. T/o nil tonnes.

TIN: Steadier. off settlement £10,008 (£10,000), off midday cash £10,030-£10,002, 3 months £10,010-£10,015, after close cash £10,010-£10,020, 3 months £10,025-£10,030. T/o 1,165 tonnes.

LEAD: Easier. off settlement £356·75 (£359·50), off midday cash £356·50-£356·75, 3 months £345·50-£346, after close cash £335-£336, 3 months £343-£343·50. T/o 7,050 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady. Off Settlement £781 (£779·50): Off M'dday Cash £780-£781: 3 Mths £774·50-£775: Aft Close Cash £780-£781: 3 Mths £775-£776. T/O 9,100 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday Cash 569p-570p: 3 Mths 588·2p-588·5p: Aft Close Cash 556p-568p: 3 Mths 585·2p-586p. T/O 24 lots of 10,000 ozs each.

ALUMINIUM: Steadier. Off Settlement £998·50 (£1,009): Off Midday Cash £997·50-£998·50: 3 Mths £1,032·50-£1,033·50: Aft Close Cash £1,003·50-£1,005·50: 3 Mths £1,037·50-£1,038·50. T/O 12,150 tonnes.

NICKEL: Steady but quiet. Off Settlement £4,560 (£4,600): Off Midday Cash £4,555-£4,560: 3 Mths £4,575-£4,578: Aft Close Cash £4,600-£4,610: 3 Mths £4,600-£4,610. T/O 1,782 tonnes.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 575 (576·90): 3 Mths 591 (594·90): 6 Mths 607·30 (612·95): 1 Yr 640·30 (646·25).

PLATINUM: Free Market £251·85 (£251·95).

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): April 307·50. T/O 100 lots of 100 troy oz each.

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot (65-70·50). Futures: Unchanged. March £630-£690. April £640-£700. May £650-£713. June £660-£740. July £670-£750. Aug. £680-£745. Sept. £620-£753. Oct. £700-£770. Nov. £710-£770. T/O 8 lots.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Basis $670; No. 3 Long $650. C.I.F., Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price. Raws £97·50; $107·50. No. 6 contract $ per tonne. 113·20-113·40. May 120·20-120·40. Aug. 126·60-128·30. Oct. 136·80-136·80. Dec. 142·20-143·80. March 157·30-158·40. May 163·80-164·80. T/O 1,734 lots.

COFFEE (£ per tonne): March 2336; May 2371; July 2453; Sept. 2433; Nov. 2450; Jan. 2445. Sales 1594.

COCOA (£ per tonne): March 3118-2115; May 2155-2134; July 2119-2116; Sept. 2104-2103; Dec. 1984-1978; March 1979-1975; May 1975-1960. Volume 4,547. Options 0.

SOYAMEAL: Easier. April £144·20-£144·50. June £140·80-£141·20. Aug. £141·80-£142·20. Oct. £146-£146·50. Dec. £152-£152·90. Feb. £156-£157. T/O 195 lots.

GAS OIL FUTURES

GAS OIL: Feb. 230·75-50·25. March 232·50-32·25. April 221·50-21·25. May 216·25-16·00. June 213·00-13·50. July 214·00-12·00. Aug. 218·00-11·50. Sept. 220·00-11·00. Oct. 225·00-12·00. Volume 1,839.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·70, Dubai 27·25, Arab Heavy 26·65, North Sea (Forties) 28·85, North Sea (Brent) 28·30 (Mar), Nigerian Bonny medium 28·40.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

HGCA: Locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. Eastern: Feed wheat 109·50, down 30; feed barley 110, unch. East Midlands: Feed wheat 110·80, down 60; feed barley 111·80, down 20. North-East: Feed wheat 110·70, up 60; feed barley 112·20, down 10.

(G A F T A)

LONDON Barley (£ per tonne): March 111·80; May 114·95; Sept. 96·25; Nov. 99·70; Jan. 103·40. Wheat "B" (£ per tonne): March 111·70; May 116·10; July 117·70; Sept. 96; Nov. 99·10.

PIGMEAT (Gafta): Feb. 104·5p. April 108·8p. June 100·9p. Aug. 113·7p. Oct. 109·6p. Nov. 110p. T/O 63 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): Feb. £38. April £47·30. May £48·30. Nov. £72·50. Feb. £80·50. T/O 517 lots.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit: Per lb eating apples 10-28, cookers 6-12, bananas 32-35, south African grapes 50-100, Spanish 14, [illegible] 100, marmalade oranges 5-6, pears 8-27, plums 40-50, forced rhubarb 28-30, strawberries 160, each avocados 10-25, coconuts 28, grapefruit 5-18, pink 30-35, kiwi 22-25, lemons 7-13, limes 18, mangoes 70-80, honeydew melons 80-170, oranges 4-18, [illegible] 8-18, ortaniques 12-22, temple 8-17, clementines 5-9, pomelo 40-100, nectarines 17-18, pineapples 50-120, sharon 14-16.

Salad: Per lb chicory 60, cooked beetroot 25, Chinese leaf 25, parsley 120, tomatoes 10-44, each celery 15-25, cucumber 22-50, round lettuce 10-16, cos 50-60, iceberg 20-30, endive 100, per bunch English spring onions 12-15, imported 20-23, radishes 18-20.

Vegetables: Per lb root artichokes 30, aubergines 60, Kenya beans 30-100, brussels sprouts 20-25, raw beetroot 7, cabbage 12-13, calabrese 40-50, old carrots 12-14, new 19, courgettes 55, fennel 60, spinach 60, spring greens 20, leeks 45, mangetout 100-150, mushrooms 60-80, onions 3-15, parsnips 14-20, peppers 36-50, old potatoes 3-5, new 17-18, swedes 7-11, turnips 10, each globe artichokes 30-40, sweetcorn 20-25, cauliflowers 29-30.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices yesterday: GB cattle 95·79p per kg lw (+0·83); GB sheep 185·99p per kg est. dcw (+10·29); GB pigs 78·58p per kg lw (−0·04). England and Wales: Cattle Nos up 4·7 p.c., ave. 95·10p (−0·47); sheep Nos down 21·1 p.c., ave. 187·35p (+10·71); pig Nos down 9·3 p.c., ave. 78·58p (−0·04). Scotland: Cattle Nos up 0·9 p.c., ave. 99·09p (+2·65); sheep Nos down 19·3 p.c., ave. 181·93p (+9·12).

Commodore chief leaves on an 'amicable' basis

IN A MOVE which seems unlikely to quell the general air of panic around the computer industry, Commodore (UK), one of the three market leaders for home computers in this country, has just parted company with its top executive in a very abrupt manner.

Marshall Smith, president of the American parent company Commodore International, flew into London on Wednesday for a brief, but eventful visit centering on a trip to the Commodore (UK) offices in Corby.

To quote a Commodore spokesman, who denied suggestions that general manager Howard Stanworth had been fired, "there was a series of lengthy meetings about matters to do with the company, in the course of which Mr Stanworth offered his resignation." It was all, said the spokesman, on a mutually "amicable" basis.

Mr Stanworth, who left Unigate to run the British arm of Commodore two years ago, is to leave the company at the end of this month and there is no comment on whether compensation arrangements are being negotiated.

Mr Stanworth's sudden departure, which caused considerable surprise at Corby, follows hard on the heels of the news that Commodore was slashing the price of its new Plus-4 home computer in response to the price war started by Sinclair Research last month.

Suggestions within the industry have been that the decision to drop the price of the Plus-4 was made on a unilateral basis by the United Kingdom board, and that the American parent company directors were unenthusiastic about the move.

The management gap left by Mr Stanworth is being filled for the time being by financial controller Arthur Scott.

SCRUTINEER

By BARBARA CONWAY

Keeping mum over Micromite

THE aftermath of the collapse of over-the-counter traded company Micromite (*Scrutineer*, Jan. 19) is throwing up some curious facts about the history of the company, including an interesting omission in the November 1983 Micromite prospectus for the share placing by Harvard Securities.

It now turns out that Quorum Computers, which was the source of the infringement of copyright action against Micromite given as one of the problems which led to the over-the-counter company's interim loss last year, reached a court-sanctioned settlement with Micromite last November which involved Quorum receiving a payment of around £75,000 in return for issuing a revocable licence for the process in question.

Under the circumstances both the fact of the settlement and the amount involved should have been of considerable interest to investors. Unfortunately the company neglected to make any statement about the matter.

In the event the money was not paid to Quorum, which is now making it clear that, as far as it is concerned, any attempt to make or sell Micromite's main product—perhaps through sale of the business by the receiver—could lead to another copyright infringement claim.

And the omission? Examination of the prospectus shows that, where it gives the history of all six directors, it is very selective in its description of their previous appointments.

Managing director Keith Grissett, for example, was "divisional head of a European microcomputer manufacturer," technical director G. Ross worked at about the same time for "a large microcomputer manufacturer" and sales director Michael Webb, again for the same period, was employed by "a software and microcomputer manufacturer."

For some reason no one thought of mentioning that in all cases it was the same company, Quorum Computers. Even when admitting to the legal action last August this information was not volunteered to investors.

SHAREHOLDERS in Nora (Jersey) Knit may have been rather surprised last week to read the announcement from their company that the preliminary loss figures released a few days earlier had undergone an "adjustment of inter-company accounts" which changed the loss of £122,000 to a loss of £355,000.

Curious about the kind of adjustment which meant that a loss was understated by such a substantial margin, I garnered the following explanation, was just the kind of thing that, was just the kin dof thing that can happen, you know, an arithmetical error."

Well, I'm glad we got that one sorted out.

Manx immunity bill hits snag

THE Manx parliament seems to have put the controversial bill which would give officials immunity from civil prosecution on allegations of negligence (*Scrutineer*, last week) in cold storage for the time being.

I'm told one reason may be that, since the bill would have shifted potential liability to the relevant government department as an entity, there could have been problems getting appropriate insurance cover.

Edenspring's £214,000 payout

AFTER reading the annual report of their company this week, particularly the fascinating notes about remuneration and transactions involving former directors, investors in Edenspring may be interested in details of the sums involved, not least the 214,800 paid to companies run by two directors in 1984, when Edenspring's only trading subsidiary, Oric Products, lost £2·6 million.

The two main board directors were Barry Muncaster, head of Oric and managing director of Edenspring until a fortnight ago, and John Tullis. Johnson-Muncaster, the company set up with Dr Paul Johnson, of Oric, received £158,000 in 1984, while Tullis Industries received £57,000.

All three men had contracts which gave them, via their respective service companies, annual salaries of £48,000 a year, plus £13,000 a year as a car allowance, plus mileage allowances, plus reimbursement of other expenses.

In fact I gather that Mr Tullis' agreement was terminated during the year, which explains why, as well the rest of the money. Edenspring paid him £25,000 compensation for loss of office when he left three months before the 1984 year-end.

THE Department of Trade and Industry is petitioning to wind up Seaload Containers, a company engaged in the business of getting members of the public to invest in container transportation, an area which has caused some spectacular recent problems.

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A$ High	A$ Low	Company	A$ Middle Price	£ Price	Change on Week
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4·40	2·16	AMPOL Exploration	2·18	1·48	−0·05
1·97	1·53	ACI International	1·96	1·33	+0·03
2·55	1·85	Aust. Paper Manufacturer	2·36	1·74	+0·01
0·27	0·25	Beach Petroleum	0·61	0·41	−0·01
7·40	3·80	Bell Group	5·70	3·83	+0·20
3·65	3·45	Brambles	3·86	2·62	+0·07
3·65	2·35	Bridge Oil	2·16	1·46	−0·04
5·90	4·61	Broken Hill Proprietary	5·21	3·55	−0·05
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3·34	2·20	Elders IXL	3·06	2·07	−0·02
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2·17	1·35	Hooker Corp.	2·12	1·44	−0·05
2·30	1·79	ICI Australia	2·05	1·38	+0·05
5·22	4·07	Lend Lease	5·73	3·82	—
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3·86	2·10	Mayne Nickless	3·25	2·20	+0·05
2·25	1·22	Myer Emporium	1·91	1·29	−0·05
15·00	7·80	News Corp.	12·90	8·75	+0·31
1·18	1·39	Nicholas Kiwi	1·88	1·27	+0·05
1·20	0·60	Oakbridge	0·73	0·49	+0·06
2·25	1·70	P & O Australia	2·25	1·51	+0·05
2·10	1·26	Pioneer Concrete	1·70	1·15	−0·01
1·42	0·95	O.C.T.	1·42	0·96	−0·05
4·40	2·45	Renison Goldfields	3·91	2·15	+0·01
6·56	3·02	Santos	5·72	3·71	+0·05
2·11	1·36	Thomas Nationwide Transport	2·11	1·43	+0·02
7·30	2·55	Weeks Petroleum	5·15	3·49	−0·01
4·30	2·07	Western Mining Corporation	3·32	2·25	+0·06
4·03	3·41	Westpac	3·51	2·33	−0·02
1·56	0·64	Woodside Petroleum	0·64	0·37	−0·02
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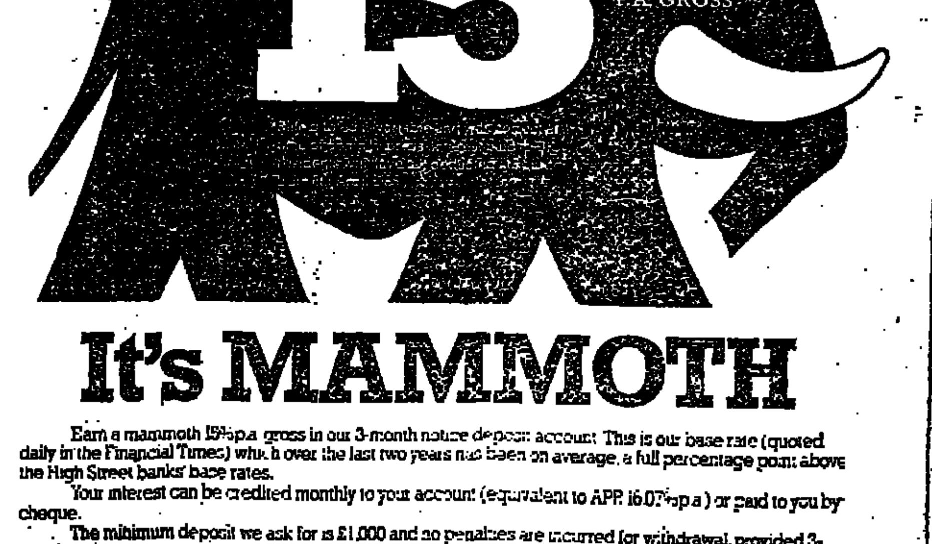

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STICK TO BASICS WHEN CHOOSING A TRUST

FROM the end of this month investors will have to be very careful into which regular unit trust savings schemes they go.

The Government yesterday gave the go-ahead for companies to increase their charges substantially, and very soon some unit trust groups will siphon off not the 5 p.c. of each monthly payment that they do now but the whole of the first three months' payments.

Not all unit trust groups will be changing, though. Many are adamantly against increasing their charges, particularly in this way. But those companies that do intend making the increase have already had the special deeds agreed with their funds' trustees and will be able to raise their charges just as soon as the final signatures and dates have been added to those deed documents.

The first high-charge schemes look like going on sale the week after next, and G T will be among the leaders in their introduction.

ment of Trade's minister for corporate and consumer affairs, did yesterday was to give the blessing to a request made last September by the Unit Trust Association — which represents most trust management companies — to increase their charges for regular savings schemes.

These are the schemes, run by most units companies, allowing savers to invest each month a relatively small sum, which is used to buy units at whatever the prevailing price is each month. From each payment 5 p.c. is taken by the managers, of which 3 p.c. can be paid in commission to brokers. The arrangement is identical to that for large single sums.

The new commission structure, however, will allow the units companies to pay not 3 p.c. of each payment but 20 p.c. of a year's payments. That 20 p.c. is intended to cover five years, after which the managers would deduct the same 3 p.c. from each payment that they do now.

Clearly this is more than the 15 p.c. that is currently paid over five years at 3 p.c. But in fact it is even more of a penalty on the investor because it comes from his first payments, which would have been invested the longest during the period. And when investors are choosing a trust they often select fashionable markets whose best performance is in the early months.

But, if the investor currently with a regular units plan had to stop or wanted to miss a month he would suffer no penalty. He would not make the investment, the 3 p.c. would not be deducted and his past payments or any future payments would not be affected.

Under the new arrangements the investor who stops cannot recover any of the premium paid up-front at the start of his plan. He thus loses much of his flexibility.

Those companies that adopt the new arrangements will receive from the investor: If he actually keep the first three regular payments which they stopped his savings scheme after four months he would only have one-quarter of the total that he had invested.

The move permitted yesterday by Mr Fletcher thus puts regular unit trust investment on the same basis as life assurance, where a large part of initial premiums are paid to brokers. Life schemes are contractual, though. The advantage of units schemes—particularly since premium relief was abolished on new policies — is that they are not contractual, so allowing investors to stop and start without penalty.

But the units companies in favour of the higher charges justify their intended move by pointing out that brokers have sold life policies actively because of the high commission they receive, but have been reluctant to put clients into regular unit plans.

"No load schemes have been available for some considerable time and there are only 70,000 or so investors," explained Jonathan Custance Baker, of G.T. last night.

"There are several million people who have taken out five and ten year plans which are unit-linked, where there is a commission in it. It makes it worthwhile for the broker to go out and sell it."

G T will thus be moving on to the new charges within the next fortnight and it will be giving the maximum 20 p.c. not allowed. G T requires a minimum £30 a month which can be put into any of eight trusts. The first three months' money will buy no units at all, however.

There is some flexibility in G T's plans. In particular, after investing for a year savers will receive a 2 p.c. bonus on future payments.

Lump sums can also be added to the regular sums, and the charge there will be the standar 5 p.c. Investors can sell all their past units with no penalty on restarting so long as they keep the payments going in.

Or, having reached a balance of £500, they can miss occasional months and restart without penalty. All those benefits apply automatically, however, with any company using the current charging scheme.

G T's units plan will allow the original monthly payment to be increased, and there will be no deduction from the increase. So if investors are for some reason determined to use a plan like G T's and want to invest regularly more than the minimum, our advice is to start a plan for the minimum sum, then increase it afterwards.

That way someone wanting to invest £100 a month could lose three months of the monthly £30 with which he starts the plan but have nothing deducted from the £70 by which he increases it.

Nevertheless, investors would almost certainly do better finding one of the other groups such as M.G. which may not be promoted heavily by brokers but will continue to deduct just a small amount and will spread the deductions over the years.

Mr Custance Baker suggests that the investor will not react against the higher charges, only the Press. We are doing so—but it is interesting that Save & Prosper, which voted last year for the increase, will not be implementing it.

Last night Save & Prosper's Paul Bateman explained: "All the newspaper furore has led to much greater publicity for monthly schemes. We're going to carry on at the present with the normal basic plan."

We suggest that investors do likewise.

Richard Northedge

UNIT TRUSTS PULL A FAST ONE

UNIT trust regular savings schemes are a very attractive way of investing in equities for those who do not have the capital normally necessary.

the investor becomes trapped into having to maintain further instalments. If he were to stop after, say, six months, that initial deduction to finance the £100 a month to a regular savings scheme into units which show a steady rise of 2 p.c. a month would have £1,241 at the end of the first year under

However you look at it, there is no doubt that the investor is worse-off under the proposals voted on this week.

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CARE OVER COVENANTS

AS BUDGET DAY (March 19) draws nearer, the number of scare stories about potential victims seems to multiply as a matter of course. It must be emphasised that there is no positive sign that covenants are threatened, but anyone considering such a scheme should not delay.

Budget scares divide between those about which you can do nothing—if pension fund income is going to be taxed, there is no avoiding action possible—and those where, by acting now, it might be possible to escape the worst, as was the case with life assurance policies taken out prior to Budget day last year.

The tax relief available on regular payments made under a deed of covenant has been long established, dating back to a time when all annual payments, including payments of interest on loans, were eligible for tax relief.

By 1969, relief on interest payments was whittled down to apply only to loans taken out for house purchase; covenants, however, along with for example maintenance payments made under a court order, have remained a survivor.

Deeds of covenant have three main uses at present. The first is in making gifts to charities. As the law stands at present, these agreements must be capable of lasting for four years or more; the charity benefits by reclaiming basic rate tax on the donation, while a higher rate taxpayer can reclaim the higher rate tax on his gift.

There is an overriding limit of £5,000 a year, a figure which was increased only two years ago.

Charitable covenants are in a strong position and it is most unlikely that they would be affected, if only on the grounds that such a move would be politically inept.

Deeds of covenant to individuals are a different proposition. At present, payments under a deed qualify for basic rate relief as long as it is capable of lasting for seven years, and with only one exception—parents cannot make gifts to their own children aged under 18.

In this case, the child's income, if derived directly from its parents, is deemed to be the

parents' for tax purposes, so no advantage is given.

In other circumstances, however—of which the most common are grandparents making gifts to grandchildren and parents covenanting income to their student sons and daughters—the donor can make his gift net of basic rate tax which may then be reclaimed by the recipient, assuming he or she is not a taxpayer. And in these circumstances, all individuals, even if they are only just born, are entitled to the single person's allowance, currently £2,005.

If the Chancellor does change these arrangements, he could either withdraw the entitlement to tax relief on existing agreements as well as future ones, or he could limit the withdrawal to any future agreements.

Since the first course would involve retrospective action—which no Government likes to be seen to be committing—the likelihood is that any change would affect only future agreements.

So grandparents thinking of starting a covenant scheme for their grandchildren would do well to get the agreement signed, sealed and delivered before March 19.

Several unit trust groups have set up children's investment plans utilising a deed of covenant with their regular savings scheme. Framlington and Brown Shipley both produce booklets including a deed of covenant form with instructions on how to reclaim the tax.

Unit trusts are a good home for these gifts, as the investments are likely to be fairly long term, and they should offer the best potential for long-term rewards. But there is no need to stick to a "pre-packaged" scheme: any unit trust group which offers a regular savings scheme would be suitable, as for instance would be the National Savings Investment Account—soon to be one of the few places where non-taxpayers can receive the gross interest to which they are entitled.

If tax relief were to be withdrawn on existing agreements, the donor could either increase the amount paid out of his or her own pocket, or the recipient would have to accept less.

A problem could arise if the reduced amount fell below the unit trust's minimum requirements for savings; however, both Framlington and Brown Shipley say they would be "flexible" in this case and not insist on the payments being increased.

If there is no change in the Budget, the covenant agreement can be cancelled—by mutual agreement between the two parties—and there will be no penalties under the unit trust scheme as this can be stopped at any time.

Diana Wright

DURABLES INDEX

DECEMBER'S durable goods index figure is 25·91, a rise of 2·4 p.c. on December 1983. Household contents policies due to be renewed this month should have the sum insured increased by about £2·40 per £100 of cover.

Straight indemnity policies, where the amount paid out in the event of a claim is based on the second-hand value of the goods, is not necessarily similarly affected by inflation but householders would be wise to check their cover is sufficient or consider changing to "replacement-value" cover.

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Janet Walford describes the tax relief available on a 'pension mortgage.'

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Up to 17½ p.c. of non-pensionable income (more if you were born before 1934) may be contributed to a personal pension plan, and the higher the rate of tax you pay on your income, the higher the tax relief.

If you are a basic rate taxpayer, for example, each £100 paid in premium costs only £70. If you pay tax at 50 p.c., each £100 premium costs only £50.

The interest on the mortgage loan also attracts tax relief at the highest rate paid on earned income (for loans up to £50,000) and what's more at retirement you could look forward not only to a tax free cash lump sum after the mortgage is repaid, but also a pension for life, something which you cannot obtain on an endowment policy.

The concept of the "pension mortgage" is very simple. An interest-only mortgage loan is arranged through the building society or bank in the usual way, but instead of using a low cost endowment policy to repay the loan at the end of the mortgage term, a personal pension plan is utilised.

Most leading building societies and banks will accept this arrangement, but it would be as well to check first. As a pension plan cannot be assigned as collateral like a life policy, some lenders are not keen on the arrangement.

Although the premiums for the pension mortgage are generally considerably higher than those for a low cost endowment policy, when tax relief is taken into account, the net result is that there is not much difference between the two, and often the pension mortgage will actually cost less.

There are many factors to be taken into account when comparing costs, not least of them being which of the 70 or so life companies you choose for the pension plan—some are much more competitive than others.

In the tables in the example, we have used policies from one of the old established mutal life offices, Scottish Amicable, to illustrate the difference between the two repayment methods. In both cases, the outstanding mortgage loan is repaid at the end of 25 years from the tax free cash arising under each policy.

Both policies are 'with profits' under which reversionary bonuses are allocated to the policies each year and once allocated these cannot be taken away.

Reversionary bonuses have risen steadily over the last 40 years, but for both the low cost endowment and the pension policy, if bonuses were to fall to 80 p.c. of their current rates, there would still be sufficient cash to repay the loan in 25 years' time.

If bonuses continue fully at the current rate then there would be a considerable surplus of tax free cash available, even after the £25,000 loan has been repaid, as you can see from the figures.

The figures also assume that a terminal bonus is payable at maturity or retirement, at the same rate as that being paid at present. Unlike reversionary bonuses, terminal bonuses are very much an unknown quantity.

A terminal bonus may or may not be payable at retirement, depending on the investment returns made by the underlying funds over the years. Even though a life company may be paying terminal bonuses on policies becoming claims today, that does not mean they will still be paying them when you retire, or that if paid, they will be at the same rate as today.

Another plus factor of the pension mortgage is that you may also take out a life insurance policy, and receive tax relief on the premiums at the highest rate paid on your earned income, just like the pension plan, which makes it very cheap indeed.

Because the pension plan cannot be assigned, most lenders insist that some form of life policy is taken out to cover the loan in the event of early death, and term insurance taken out with a pension plan is at least 30 p.c. cheaper than ordinary life cover.

The pension policy shown in the example will return all premiums paid in the event of your death during the mortgage term. This is clearly not enough to repay the loan especially in the early years, so the premium shown is inclusive of the cost of a life policy for £25,000 to repay the loan in the event of your death during the mortgage term.

The life cover on the pension plan will therefore be a further "extra" to beneficiaries.

At the end of the 25-year mortgage term in the example, the endowment mortgage projects a higher level of surplus cash after the loan is repaid (£26,460) than the pension plan (£18,892). However, the pension plan also projects an annual pension of £13,499 payable for the rest of your life.

As this is guaranteed to be payable for at least five years, the minimum amount which the pension plan is projected to pay out is £86,387 (i.e. £18,892 + 5 x £13,499) assuming maintenance of current reversionary and terminal bonuses.

If you are considering a pension mortgage, now is probably the best time to act, before the March Budget. There is much speculation at present about whether the Chancellor will cut back on taxation benefits of pension plans, and although there is absolutely no guarantee, any moves he does make in this respect are unlikely to be retrospective.

Comparing the costs

Low-cost endowment mortgage

	£	£
Gross monthly premium:		37·00
Monthly loan interest @ 13·5 pc a year	281·25	
Less 30 pc tax relief:	84·37	
Net monthly interest:		196·88
Total net monthly outlay:		233·88
Projected tax free cash at maturity after 25 years:	51,460·00 (1)	
Less outstanding loan:	25,000·00	
Surplus tax free cash:	26,460·00	

Pension mortgage, with profits

	£	£
Monthly premium:	51·47 (5)	
Less 30 pc tax relief:	15·44	
Net monthly premium:		36·03
Monthly loan interest @ 13·5 pc a year	281·25	
Less 30 pc tax relief:	84·37	
Net monthly interest:		196·88
Total net monthly outlay:		232·91
Projected fund at retirement after 25 years:	133,801·00 (2)	
Projected tax free cash:	43,892.00 (3)	
Less outstanding loan:	25,000·00	
Surplus tax free cash:	18,892·00	
Plus	+	
Pension for life:	13,499·00 (4)	

1—Of this total, £22,230 is terminal bonus; 2—Of this total, £44,811 is terminal bonus; 3—Of this total, £14,692 is terminal bonus; 4—of this total, £4,521 is terminal bonus, pension payable monthly in advance; 5—Inclusive of premium for life policy.

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The introduction of tax incentive schemes for some continental private investors is providing a steady flow of cash for equity investment.

At the same time, the fall in the value of European currencies against the dollar has improved the competitiveness of exports, enabling the major European industrial companies to benefit from the sharp upturn in world trade.

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FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

TAX SHELTER IN BRICKS AND MORTAR

TWO very efficient tax shelters go down in value after March 31. They are the capital allowances for industrial buildings, available to individuals and companies, and the residential housing allowances available only to companies.

Allowances for industrial buildings were introduced in 1980 to stimulate investment in small business units. The 1982 Finance Act extended the 100 p.c. first year tax relief to large buildings over 1,250 square feet. The allowance, now at 50 p.c. reduces to 25 p.c. in April. The 4 p.c. annual writing down allowance remains.

For a tax paying company or high tax payer, a capital allowance of 50 p.c. halves the cost of building or buying an industrial unit and doubles normal yields. Thus a company with a 45 p.c. tax bill pays only a net £55,000 for an industrial building costing £100,000. With an annual rent of £8,000 the yield until the next rent review is 14·5 p.c. For a 60 p.c. tax-paying investor, (£60,000 tax relief), the £8,000 yearly rent equals a 20 p.c. yield.

Enterprise zones provide even more generous allowances and yields for all commercial premises.

Far less well known are the opportunities afforded by the Housing Act 1980. It created a precedent in the residential housing market which has passed largely unnoticed, which introduced lettings on "assured tenancies" outside the scope of the Rent Acts.

This concept of assured tenancies got a further boost in the Finance Act 1982 (s 76). Initial capital allowances were given against the construction cost of houses for rent on assured tenancies, with an annual writing down allowance from the date of the first letting for any expenditure not covered by the initial allowance. The capital allowance is now 50 p.c. and falls to 25 p.c. after April 7

Groups who want to take advantage of this little known tax shelter in residential property must therefore move fast. So far few have moved at all though: only 163 companies had applied for the tax concessions.

Yet building houses for rent stimulates the construction industry, aids industrial mobility and gives companies the opportunity to let houses to their key workers.

And tenants gain too. Though rent is market determined and not subject to any tribunals, and so on, tenants get security of tenure for a fixed or periodic term. They are eligible for rent and rate allowances depending on their income and size of family.

So why the lack of enthusiasm? Mainly because little publicity has been given to assured tenancies and the groups who can benefit from them. An assured tenancy is a furnished or unfurnished tenancy let by an approved body on terms similar to those for business tenants under Part II of the Landlord & Tenants Act 1954.

The rent and term of letting are freely agreed between landlord and tenant. At the end of the agreed term a new tenancy can be applied for and this must be granted, except on limited grounds such as non-payment of rent.

The current capital allowance of 50 p.c. is set against costs incurred directly in the construction of homes for these lettings and for alterations or improvements to them incurred between March 1982 and April 1987. The annual writing down allowance remains at 4 p.c.

Land costs do not qualify. The houses must be built after 1980 and the maximum relief is up to £60,000 per house in London, or £40,000 elsewhere.

The allowances are only for approved bodies. Individuals cannot get in on the act, however well meaning or tax efficent they may be. To become an approved body, applicants such as companies and housing associations, apply on a form from the Department of the Environment.

They must provide references; documents such as a memorandum and articles of association; details of other main activities, any current residential tenancies and recent court proceedings connected with the applicant as a landlord.

Some companies specialise in the development of property attracting these under-utilised tax reliefs. The Colegrave Group buy and construct residential and business estates and syndicate them out. Their newest residential housing project for investment is off the Kings Road in Chelsea. According to manager Robin Butler: "Once approval has been received and investment has been made utilising the allowances, the investor will hold a relatively high yielding investment with secure income and the prospect of excellent capital appreciation in future years."

But be warned: purchasers who buy industrial or housing investments hoping to sell for a quick profit, are likely to get short shrift from the Inland Revenue. Allowances given as investment reliefs could well be scooped back from anybody, however well disguised, acting like a trader.

Jennie Hawthorne

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Before making an investment in a unit trust you should expect the managers to tell you how well it has performed over the long term. Past performance cannot be a guarantee for the future, but it is the best measure you have of a fund's likelihood of achieving its objective. New funds or funds which suffer a change of management are more of a gamble than those which can point to a long and successful record.

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Unit trusts are for long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice. This is because the price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up.

Income DIVIDEND FUND

An investor of £10,000 at the Fund's launch in May 1964 has seen his income after basic-rate tax grow from £396 in the first full year to £2,018 in 1984.

By contrast, a building society investor's annual income has fluctuated, rising from £536 in 1965 to £1,200 in 1980 and then falling back to £853 by 1984. So anyone who depended on a building society for income has suffered a cut-back over the past 4 years, whilst Dividend Fund investors continued to enjoy a steadily increasing income.

In addition, the Dividend Fund investor's £10,000 had grown to £54,300 by the end of December 1984 compared with £27,271 from a similar notional investment in the F.T. Industrial Ordinary Index and £10,000 in a building society deposit which, of course, remained unchanged.

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment, because we will continue to make income growth the prime objective. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and the aim is to provide a high and growing return with a yield about 50% higher than that of the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index.

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Year to 31 DECEMBER	INCOME: M&G DIVIDEND	INCOME: BUILDING SOCIETY	CAPITAL: M&G DIVIDEND	CAPITAL: BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	—	—	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1984	2,018	853	54,300	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic-rate tax.
The Building Society income figures are 1½% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values.

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE of £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May, 1969, with net income reinvested.

Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1984	214,720	39,977	52,405	36,769

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax.
The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values.

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE of £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G SECOND General on 5th June, 1956, with net income reinvested.

Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	19,534	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,947	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	47,537	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	81,843	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	200,813	61,600	62,494	49,931
1984	463,879	142,410	81,519	71,938

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M&G SECOND General figures are all realisation values.

On 13th February 1985 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
Dividend Fund	299·1p	830·8p	5·52%
Recovery Fund	238·6p xd	298·3p	4·13%
SECOND General	533·6p xd	1012·3p	3·83%

Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price and an annual charge of up to 1% of each Fund's value – currently ¾% – plus VAT is deducted from gross income (currently ¾% for Dividend increasing to ¾% in September 1985). Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for Income units it is distributed net of basic-rate tax on the following dates:

	Dividend	Recovery	SECOND
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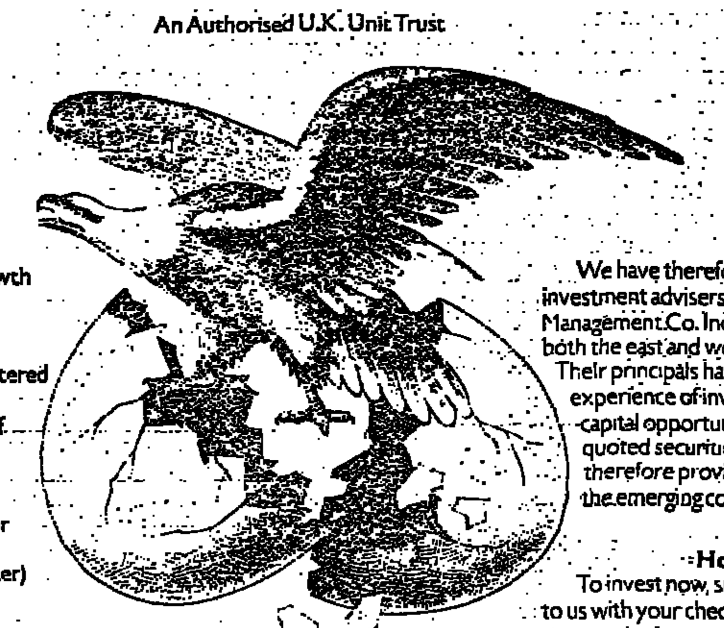

- The aim of the Trust is capital growth through investment in the shares of emerging U.S. companies.
- Typically such companies have entered a growth period after their formative years and are now on the threshold of rapid earnings acceleration.
- In the U.S., emerging companies are often publicly owned early in their development. Many of the stocks are traded on the OTC (Over The Counter) market.
- Because many of the companies will be only one step forward from the venture capital stage, the Trust is likely to appeal to investors prepared to take an above average risk to achieve, over the longer term, an above average return.
- A specialist U.S. investment management group advises on the Trust.

Why Emerging Companies?

A significant redeployment of investment funds is taking place in the U.S. New social attitudes towards personal fulfilment and risk-taking encourage new enterprises and attract exceptional management to them. The combination of entrepreneurial flair, rapidly changing technology and helpful tax conditions creates an exceptionally favourable climate for small emerging companies.

Portfolio Composition

Traditionally, small to medium sized investment opportunities are concentrated in high technology industries such as data processing, drugs and medical, and communications. The strategy of the Trust is to emphasise a broad cross-section of industries to include such high technology sectors as well as consumer and financial industries, as long as the opportunities are consistent with the Trust's emerging growth orientation.

The portfolio is actively managed and is composed of about 40 stocks.

Specialist Investment Advice

The nature of this Trust makes unique demands on investment experience, hard – if not impossible – to find in the U.K.

We have therefore appointed as investment advisers Bigler Investment Management Co. Inc., who have offices on both the east and west coasts of the U.S. Their principals have considerable experience of investment in venture capital opportunities as well as in the quoted securities markets and can therefore provide a special insight into the emerging companies sector of the U.S.

How to Invest

To invest now, simply return the coupon to us with your cheque, minimum £500 – and share in the future success of emerging U.S. companies.

The estimated current gross yield is 0.40% based on the current offer price of 64.7p (as at 14 February, 1985).

The price of units, and the income from them, can go down as well as up.

General Information

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TO INVEST – FILL IN THE COUPON

Application Form
To: Abbey Unit Trust Managers Limited, 1-3 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8AR (Reg. Office) Tel: 01-236 1833.

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FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

ARBUTHNOT PORTFOLIO TRUST LOSES CASE

> It should be mentioned to investors interested in Arbuthnot's Portfolio Trust that the Inland Revenue has not specifically given its blessing to either the capital gains or stamp duty aspects of the scheme.

Our Warning, last March.

THERE was always doubt whether Arbuthnot's Portfolio Trust would work, and on Thursday, the High Court ruled that it did not.

The trust, launched in March last year, was intended to be an onshore umbrella fund—that is, a single top-fund through which money could be invested in a series of specialist sub-funds, so that the investment could be switched without triggering tax charges.

At present, an investor in a conventional Japanese unit trust who switches to an American trust would trigger a realised capital gain which would be liable for tax.

With an umbrella fund, the gain is carried forward, deferring the tax or allowing investors to spread it to maximise his annual tax-free allowances. Only when cash was brought out of the top fund would tax be payable on the gain.

Arbuthnot also argued that while funds stayed in the umbrella fund, no stamp duty need be paid on unit purchases.

The High Court rejected both claims of tax-efficiency. For the into the Portfolio Trust, despite investors who did put £8 million newspaper warnings, little is lost, p.c.) but there is no advantage however except that they may be taxed on gains they did not expect (even Arbuthnot's worst sub-fund, Europe, rose 18 p.c. in under a year and United States is up 34 p.c.) but there is no advantage over other funds.

The Portfolio Trust did, and does, continue to differ from other unit trusts in some ways, however. While other trusts make a 5 p.c. initial charge and about 1 p.c. a year, with switching costing about 4 p.c., Arbuthnot has a annual charge of 2½ p.c.

One switch a year is free and others are a flat £15. Investors 3½ p.c. initial charge, but an who do not intend switching frequently lose, therefore.

The investor keen on umbrella funds can still find them, however, if he looks abroad. Schroder Wagg, Guinness Mahon and Gartmore operate funds through the Channel Islands which permit United Kingdom investors, quite legally, to switch cash between a wide range of sub-funds without triggering capital gains tax payments.

SAVERS' SHORTS

MERGER MEETS

THE Alliance and Leicester building societies have set August 1 as their merger date. But besides the official meetings in mid-June, when investors can vote, there are to be a dozen informal meetings round the country where savers can have their say. Meetings will be in early June in Inverness, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham, Leicester, Norwich, Cardiff, Exeter, Brighton, Bournemouth and London.

WAIT AND SEE

THE 30th issue of guaranteed-rate National Savings certificates went on sale this week in £25 units with a maximum of £5,000. The return over five years is 8·65 p.c. While there is no immediate prospect of a new certificate coming out to reflect the high market rates, there is no immediate prospect of the 30th issue being withdrawn either, so investors have little to lose by waiting before buying.

TAX OFFSET

MERCHANT bank N. M. Rothschild is launching five new inheritance trusts designed to offset capital transfer tax. Underlying assets are put into unit trusts and a managed investment bond to give capital growth.

HALF HEDGE

MERCHANT bank S. G. Warburg is launching a Mercury American income unit trust, to buy United States and Canadian shares, which expects to hedge about half its currency risk. The initial yield should be 5·5 p.c. Charges will be 5 p.c. up-front and 1 p.c. a year with the £1,000 minimum investment price frozen until March 8.

TRIPLE CHOICE

SUN Life's distributor fund, based on a single-premium life policy, is now to pay its income monthly, quarterly or half-yearly if required. Minimum investment is £5,000—or £10,000 for monthly income—and cash can be put into any of more than a dozen specialist unitised funds.

LOWER STILL

THE Bristol and West Building Society, already with the lowest base mortgage rate at 12½ p.c., is trimming ¼ p.c. from the rate on its loans over £30,000—but only for new loans. The new rate between £30,000 and £40,000 is 13¼ p.c. Above that it is a 13½ p.c. minimum.

PENSION PLAN

WANT to invest in a pension before the Budget but haven't got the cash? Imperial Life is offering 100 p.c. interest-only loans on sum invested in its pension plan so that the maximum sum allowed by past income can be paid in with an equal sum paid back immediately. And until Budget day there are discounts of up to 6 p.c.

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The Trusts invest in portfolios of qualifying properties, all leased long-term to first-class tenants, usually local authorities. Units of £1,000 each (minimum £5,000) are available now.

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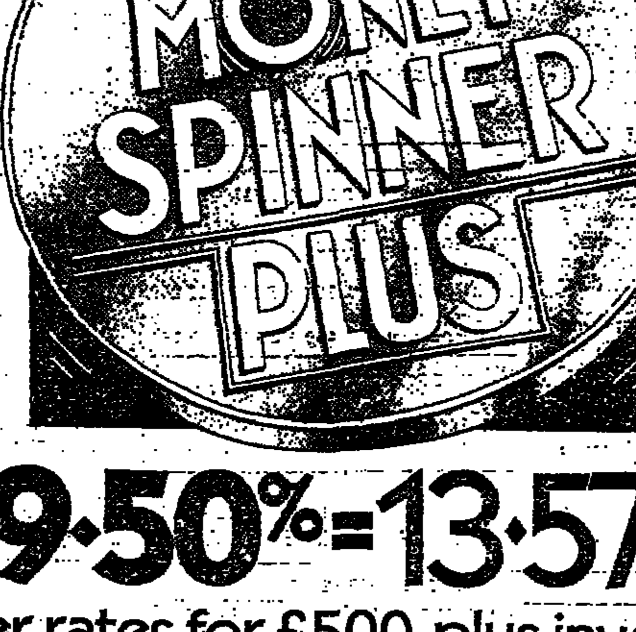

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*The rate may vary. †Equivalent yield for basic rate taxpayers.

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IT'S YOUR LIFE — NEW

What's happening to your pension contributions?

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- London Life could also produce at least **200% more** cash from your first year's contributions to purchase your retirement benefits.

The tables below give the details:

Regular premium per month	Expenses deducted from first year's premiums*: London Life	Typical Life office	In the first year, with London Life you save
£50	£30	£421	£391
£100	£48	£831	£783
£250	£90	£2067	£1977

Retirement at the end of year	Benefits from first year's contributions** — Cash Fund to purchase retirement benefits: London Life	Typical Life office	Extra return from London Life
10	£3,398	£2,104	£1,294
15	£5,989	£2,979	£3,010
20	£10,555	£4,215	£6,340
25	£18,602	£5,959	£12,643

As it is the early contributions to any plan that produce the largest part of the retirement fund, London Life's low charges could make quite a difference to your pension. So why use your hard won pension contributions to subsidise the inefficiencies of others when London Life's new Retirement Prosperity Plan can earn you so much more?

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*Based on a 25 year unit-linked personal pension plan. **Based on an investor paying £100 per month into a unit-linked personal pension plan and assuming growth of 12% p.a. after deduction of the initial charges.

LL London Life

To: New Business Department, The London Life Association Limited, Freepost, 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6YJ (no stamp required).
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Tel Nos: Business ______ Home ______ 600
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London Life—over 175 years of assurance

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Summary of results for year ended 31st December 1984

	1984	1983
Gross revenue	£2,788,121	£2,472,649
Earnings per share	2.96p	2.36p*
Dividend per share	2.25p	1.87p*
Total assets	£71,501,711	£59,246,352
Net asset value per share	139.5p	115.6p*

* Adjusted for one for one scrip issue in 1984.

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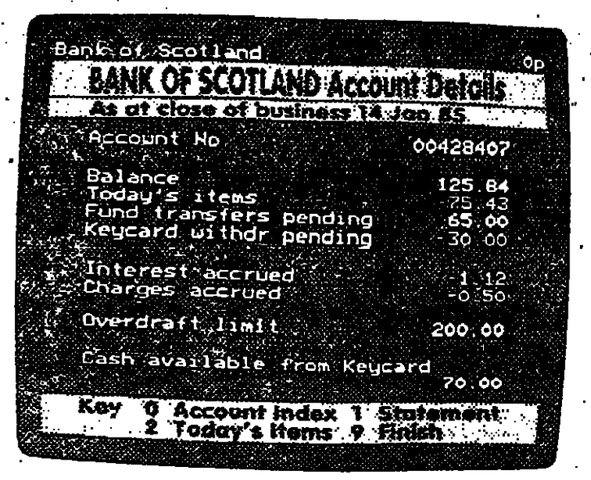

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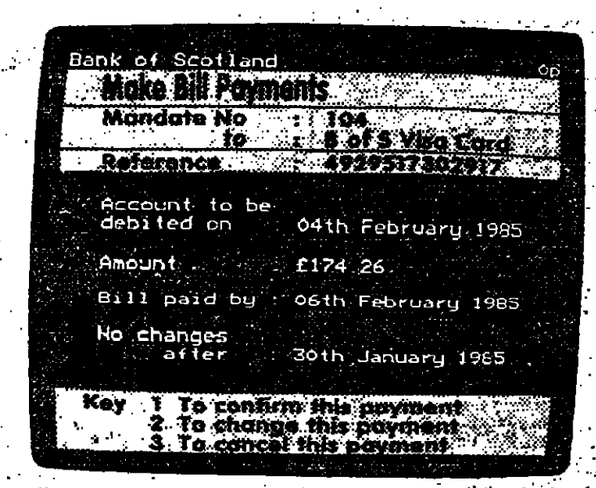

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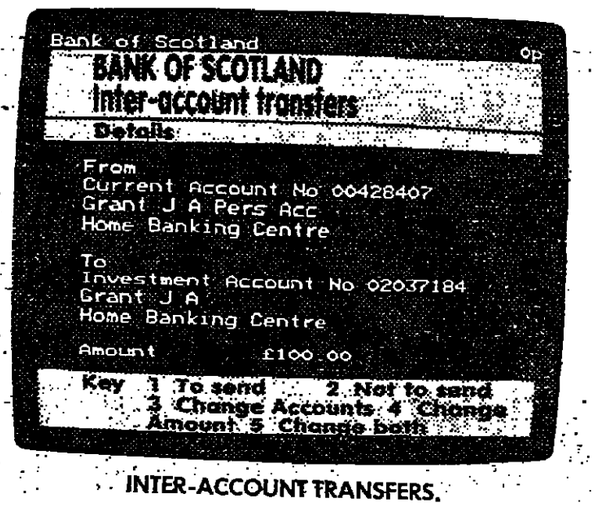

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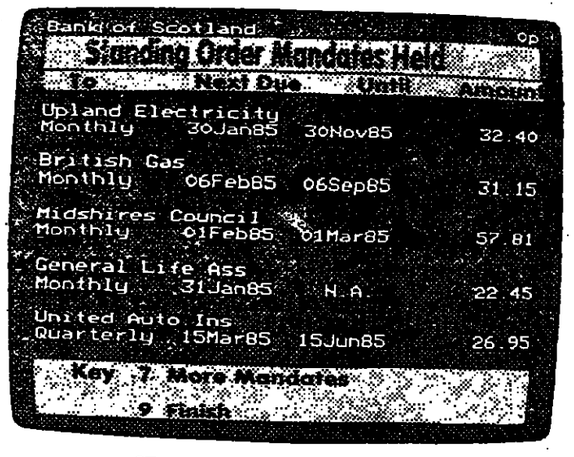

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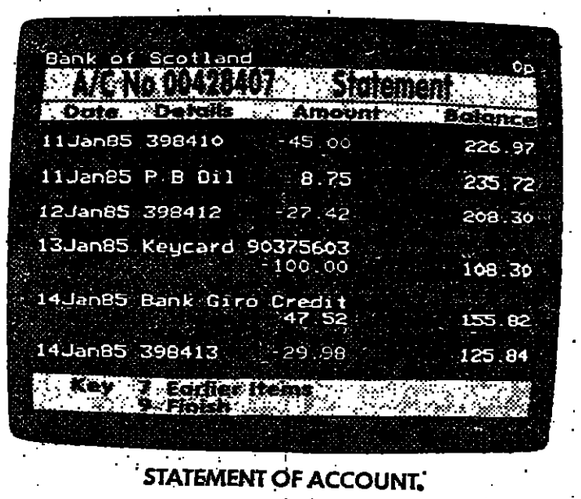

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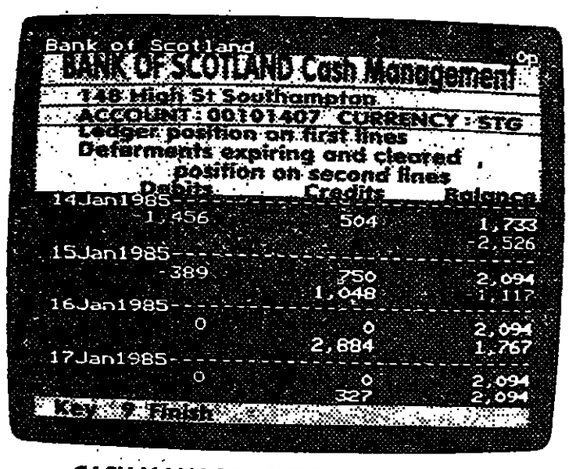

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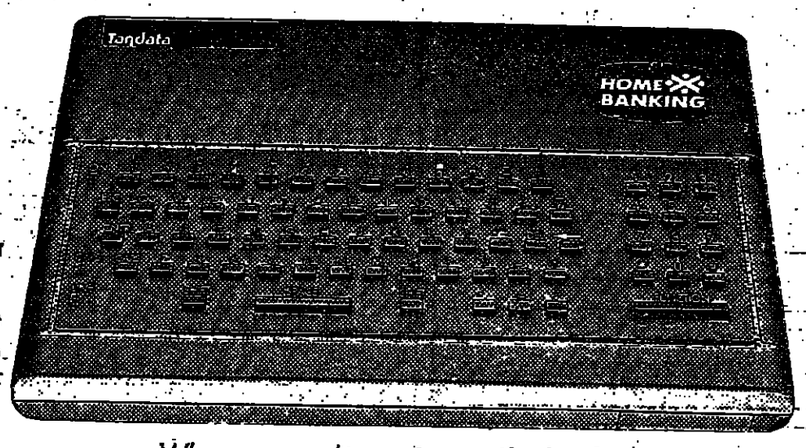

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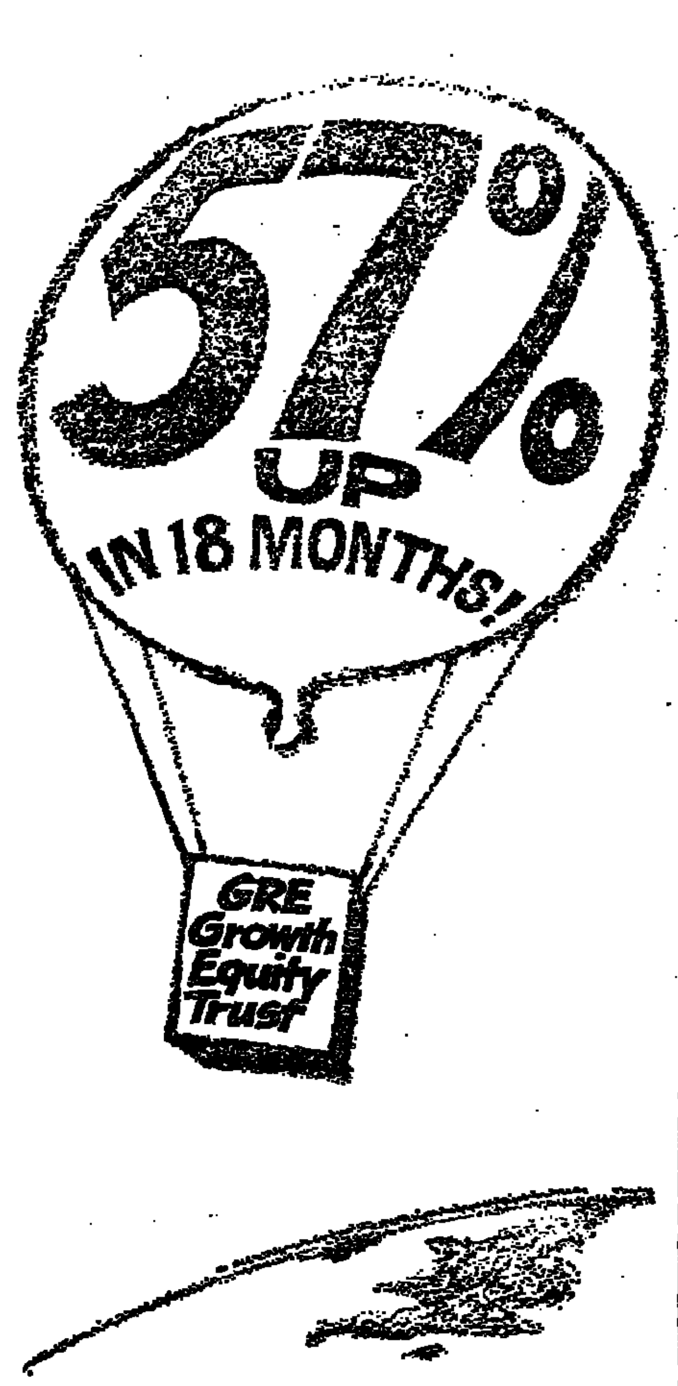

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FAMILY MONEY-GO-ROUND

Working out your entitlement to redundancy pay

COMPANY failures are increasing according to the Government's latest figures. Apparently 1,500 businesses went to the wall last month — more than August's and September's totals put together. And overall, company failures are 13 p.c. higher than they were in the first 10 months of 1985.

This undoubtedly means more redundancies, so it is important, if you become one of the unlucky ones that you know what you can expect by way of a redundancy payment.

First, you are not entitled to any redundancy payment unless you have been continuously employed for at least two years. You must also be over 18, and below the normal retirement age —65 for men, 60 for women.

The length of service requirement is different in the case of part-time workers: here they must have worked a minimum of five years, and at least eight hours a week in order to be eligible.

Even if you qualify under these requirements there are other obstacles between you and a redundancy payment.

If, for instance, you were employed on a fixed-term contract lasting at least two years and had previously agreed in writing to forgo any redundancy payment, you would be precluded from making a claim.

Certain categories of employees are quite simply, outside the scope of the redundancy payments scheme; these include civil servants, seasonal workers, domestic servants and employees of the National Health Service.

If you negotiate these obstacles successfully then you are entitled to a statutory redundancy payment. The amount you receive is based upon your weekly pay. You get:

- Half a week's pay for each full year worked between the ages of 18 and 21.
- One week's pay for each complete year worked between the ages of 22 and 40.
- One and a half week's pay for each full year worked between the ages of 41 and 59 (women) or 60 (men).

A week's pay means your gross earnings—before deduction of tax or national insurance—though you are not allowed to take into account the value of any benefits received. In any event, the maximum week's pay allowed is £145; any excess is disregarded. Moreover you are entitled only to claim 20 years' worth of statutory redundancy payments, making the maximum available £4,350—20 × £145 × 1½.

There are, in addition, special provisions governing payments to people approaching retirement age: for women aged 59, or men of 64, the payment is reduced by one twelfth for each month that age exceeds 59 or 64.

So if a man aged 64 and eleven months when made redundant; who had been working for that company for 25 years on £80 a week, would receive a redundancy payment of 20 (i.e. the maximum multiplier) × £120 = £2,400, but reduced by eleven twelfths—leaving a grand total of £200.

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Michael Marks

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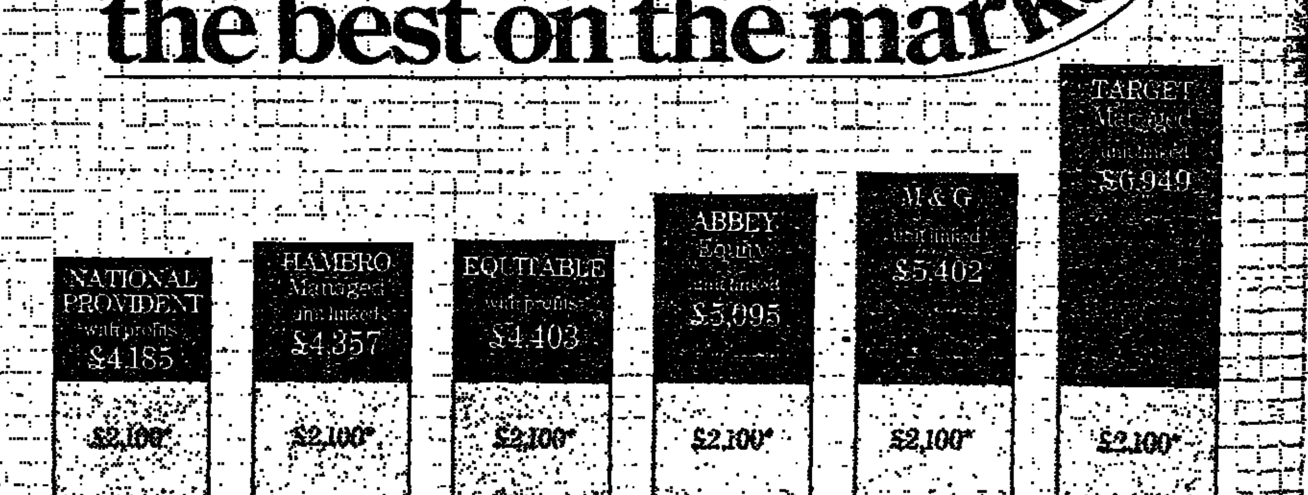

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But for those without a specialist knowledge the crucial question is whether they have picked the management group which will make the best use of *any* money?

Though the question may be reasonably straightforward, however, the answer is not. For example, how can the performance of M & G Japan & General be compared with GT European? The different markets complicate any comparison.

The Unit Trust Association divides the 728 unit trusts into 13 categories, such as United Kingdom General or United Kingdom Growth, to help compare like with like. But while it may be possible to see which is best in Japan or Australia, yet this will give no more than a clue as to which managers are best overall.

Most managers with several funds in their stable can find at least one which has done well in some category. These are the funds which tend to get paraded as thoroughbreds in the advertising copy for the whole group.

The table here gives an idea of how the biggest unit trust groups performed over all categories in 1984. The figures show the performance of their funds by giving the value of an investment of £100 in the "average" fund. The average is worked out on a weighted basis, so that a very large North American fund which shows a gain of 10 p.c. will more than offset a loss of 10 p.c. in an Australian invested fund which is one tenth of the size. The figures show what value, pound for pound, managers have given for the money entrusted to them.

The best performers of 1984 are a surprisingly unfashionable lot. Guardian Royal Exchange, *Legal & General* and Barclays Unicorn who head up the table along with the Prudential are renowned for solidity rather than dramatic profits or losses. More familiar names such as Fidelity and M & G come further down the list, and Save & Prosper, County Bank and Hill Samuel are not there at all.

The figures for 12 and 24 months to the end of 1984 seem to make a superb advert for the unit trust industry.

The longer term reveals top performers such as GT and Framlington, with Edinburgh Fund Managers and Grieveson doing well over two to five years but missing out over ten.

There is consistency, however, at the bottom of the table. Britannia has five bottom placings and one next-to-last over ten years. Inglorious runners-up are Midland Bank and Tyndall with figures which cannot make appealing reading for their investors.

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Top ten performers in the 'Biggest Fund Managers 1984'

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Legal & Gen.	124·7	GT	169·3	Fidelity	228·4	Legal & Gen.	256·6	Legal & Gen.	358·3	Perpetual	1,904·1
Barclays Unicorn	123·4	M&G	169·1	Perpetual	210·4	Perpetual	256	EFM	340·2	Norwich	1,340
Prudential	121	Fidelity	167·8	Prolific	208·5	GT	252	Henderson	333·5	Legal & Gen.	1,251·4
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Fidelity	120·8	Schroder	163·1	GT	204·7	EFM	243·4	Framlington	323	TSB	992·6
M&G	120·7	Gartmore	162·7	Grieveson	201·5	Framlington	241·3	Mercury	319·3	GRE	976·7
TSB	120·3	Barclays Unicorn	160·4	Framlington	201·2	Grieveson	239·5	Perpetual	318·3	GT	992·6
Abbey	119·9	Prolific	159·8	Schroder	196·2	Mercury	239	Prolific	310·4	Lloyds Bank	947·1
Allied	118·6	Henderson	159·1	EFM	195·5	Prolific	231·4	Gartmore	309·1	Prudential	864·4

Bottom Three

ONE YEAR		TWO YEARS		THREE YEARS		FOUR YEARS		FIVE YEARS*		TEN YEARS*	
Midland Bank	110·5	Abbey	144·8	Midland Bank	171·2	Midland Bank	174	Midland Bank	250·7	Gartmore	502·5
Framlington	106·9	Framlington	142·3	Tyndall	161	Tyndall	169·4	Tyndall	227·6	Britannia	436·1
Britannia	104·6	Britannia	131·7	Britannia	156·5	Britannia	154·4	Britannia	209·1	Midland Bank	440·8

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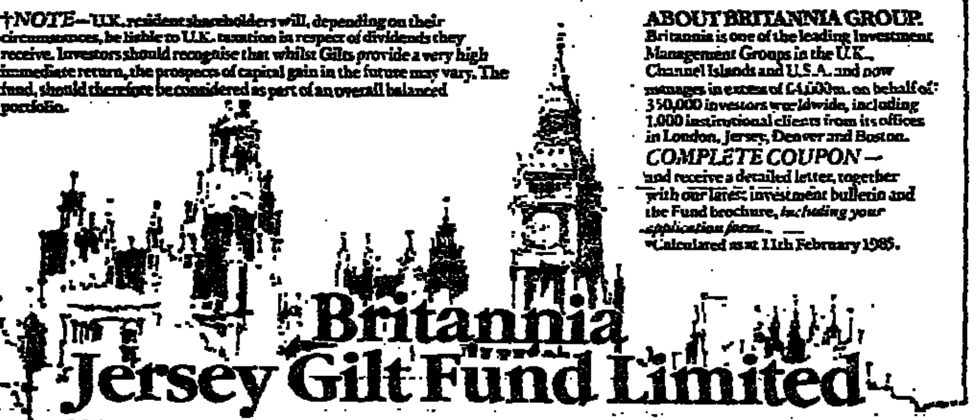

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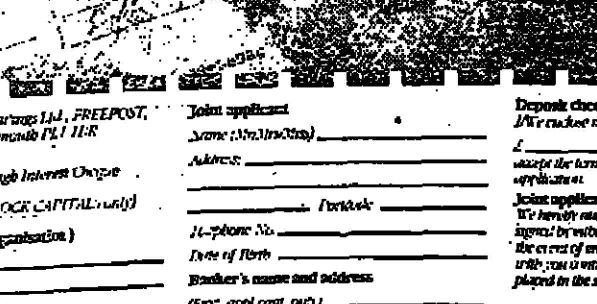

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Lloyds	£100	30p	30p	20p	20p a day	7-day deposit rate less 3 p.c.
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SLOWLY banks are coming into line. T S B this week has had to follow the mighty Midland in announcing that there will be no charges for customers who keep their accounts in credit.

Besides joining the Midland, the T S B thus enters the club operated by the Bank of Scotland the Royal Bank of Scotland, by Williams & Glyn's and the Yorkshire Bank, and by the Co-operative Bank and National Giro.

Except in Scotland, that still leaves most mainstream banks failing to follow the example. But with yet another bank offering free banking, the days when Barclays's, Lloyds and Natwest will follow are coming rapidly closer.

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T S B has charged a mere 15p for cheques, direct debits or standing orders and just 10p for cash-machine use. True, those charges have not moved since November 1981, but from April 22 when the minimum balance for free-banking drops from £100, the charges all jump up to 35p.

So if you are the sort of person who might sometimes qualify for free banking, but not always, think hard about transferring to the T S B: the Midland looks a better bet.

If you are already with the T S B you could face higher charges too—but with the bank planning to offer its shares on the stock market this year and pledged to give priority to customers, you might find it better to stay as a customer until the autumn flotation if you want to be a shareholder too.

Of the other big banks, Lloyds still operates a simple scheme of charging if balances dip below the £100. Barclays and Natwest each have schemes in which the £100 limit can be avoided however, so it is still possible to have free banking there and to go below the £100 limit.

Barclays charges only if acounts go under £100 and fail to have an average balance of £500 for the quarter.

It is possible to change bank account with no great problem, and if sufficient customers do so from those banks still making charges, it seems likely that those banks will be forced to follow too.

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Though in theory a thief could use a credit card without actually stealing it — simply using the number for telephone purchases or bookings—in practice this is not a big problem in this country.

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[illegible] Recovery 26·0 28·0
168·8 137·7 Techno ogy Fund 157·9 169·8

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT CO.
172·2 129·9 General Fund 160·5 167·8
264·4 197·8 General Accum 245·8 257·9
80·5 65·5 Income Fund 74·3 78·0
131·8 103·1 Income Accum 121·7 127·8
128·0 95·8 International Fund 122·9 128·0
165·7 133·2 International Accum 159·1 165·7

CANADA LIFE UNIT TRUST MNGRS.
95·2 73·3 Canlife Gen. Dist 89·1 93·8
145·2 108·4 Canlife Gen. Accum 135·9 143·0
37·0 32·1 Can.Gilt & Fixed Int 35·4 [illegible]
64·5 52·3 Canlife Income Dist 60·8 64·0

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LTD.
362·0 198·6 Income 341·3 [illegible]
152·2 106·7 Far East 138·0 145·5

CATER ALLEN UNIT TRUST MNGRS.
112·2 102·9 Cater Allen Gilt Tst. 98·3 104·4

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
[illegible] American Trust 53·2 [illegible]
27·3 21·0 Australian Trust 20·1 21·6
44·2 38·8 Basic Resources 38·0 40·8
76·0 53·7 Far Eastern Trust 71·0 76·0
[illegible] Gilt & Fixed Int. Tst [illegible]
[illegible] Global Recovery Tst [illegible]
47·0 36·5 High Income 40·6 43·5
42·4 35·1 Income & Grth. Tst. 38·4 41·2
60·2 55·2 International Trust 56·6 60·2
38·7 31·1 Smaller Co's 36·1 38·7
[illegible] Special Income Sits [illegible]

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT.
173·7 128·6 Growth 162·3 170·8

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD.
256·2 179·2 Capital Trust 215·5 229·2
[illegible] Energy [illegible]
[illegible] Extra Income [illegible]
[illegible] Financial Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Strategy [illegible]
[illegible] Growth Invest Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Income Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Japanese & Pac. Grth [illegible]
[illegible] Nth. Amer. Growth Tst. [illegible]
[illegible] Portfolio Inv. Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Recovery Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's [illegible]

CRESCENT GROUP
81·7 60·7 Crescent American 75·7 81·8
64·2 45·6 Crescent Capital Fd 59·9 64·1
109·6 81·5 Crescent Growth & Inc 99·1 106·0
[illegible] Crescent High Dist [illegible]
[illegible] Crescent Intnl [illegible]
121·0 90·7 Crescent Tokyo Fd 113·1 121·0

EQUITABLE UNITS

Daily prices as at 15 February 1985
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. 061-236 5685.

Authorised Unit Trust Prices

	Bid	Offer	Yield
Far Eastern	51·6	54·9	0·45
Gilt & Fxd Int	46·4	49·4	8·91
High Income	52·0	55·4	6·04
North American	57·5	61·0	2·00
Pelican — See U.T. Information Service			
Special Situations	51·6	55·0	3·25
Tst. of Invst Tsts	54·3	57·8	1·79

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
4 Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AP. 01-606 6611.
Insurance Fund Prices

	Bid	Offer
Far Eastern	102·3	107·7
Fd of Invst Tsts	100·7	107·3
Gilt & Fxd Int	94·5	99·5
High Income	103·5	108·9
Managed	100·0	105·3
Money	96·1	101·2
North American	111·2	117·0
Pelican	103·1	108·5
Property	96·0	101·0
Special Situations	102·9	108·3
Pension Fund Prices		
Pens. Far Eastern	104·4	109·9
Pens Fd of Investment Tsts	108·9	113·7
Pens Gilt & Fxd Int	94·5	99·5
Pens High Inc	105·7	111·3
Pens Managed	102·2	107·6
Pens Money	96·9	102·0
Pens Nth Amer	116·1	122·2
Pens Pelican	105·0	110·5
Pens Property	96·4	101·5
Pens Spec Sits	104·7	110·2

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD.
1984-5 High Low Name Bid Offer
[illegible] Crown American Tst [illegible]
179·8 121·3 Crown Growth Trust 168·3 178·2
180·2 136·8 Crown High Inc. Tst 165·8 177·4

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MNGMT.
79·1 66·0 Discretionary Inc 74·8 79·1
135·7 114·6 Discretionary Acc 127·5 134·6

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LTD.
295·3 222·8 Equitable Pelican Uts 278·1 295·8

EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST
127·1 78·0 Far East Acc 120·7 127·1
223·5 152·8 General 199·4 209·5
88·9 78·4 Gilt & Fixed Int Acc 82·8 88·9
173·6 112·4 Higher Inc. Tst. Acc 162·1 172·4
156·4 94·9 N. Amer. Tst. Acc 146·7 155·9
121·7 90·8 UK Growth Tst. Acc 112·3 119·4

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD.
81·1 47·8 F & C American Fd 71·6 76·8
109·4 76·6 F & C Capital Fund 96·7 103·5
65·9 51·0 F & C Income Fund 60·9 65·2
58·5 41·6 F&C Far Eastern Fd 54·7 58·5

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD.
104·3 68·5 American 95·9 103·1
62·3 42·2 Amer. Special Sits 57·9 61·6
[illegible] Gilt & Fixed Interest [illegible]
78·8 49·4 Growth & Income 68·0 72·4
97·5 61·8 Japan Trust 91·6 97·5
95·9 68·0 Managed Intl. Trust 88·2 93·9
68·4 41·1 Max. Inc. Equity Tst 64·6 68·1
106·2 71·8 Special Situations 99·7 106·1

FINLAY (JAMES) UNIT TST. MNGMNT.
95·9 75·5 Fund of Inv. Trust 88·5 93·9
134·5 126·8 Fund of Inv. Acc 128·1 134·5
57·2 46·6 Income 53·0 57·0
79·9 59·8 International 74·4 79·9
102·0 74·3 International Accum 94·8 102·0
19·9 16·4 World Energy Fund 17·2 19·1
27·1 26·4 World Energy Acc 24·4 25·2

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGMT.
219·6 156·4 American 206·0 219·9
221·8 160·0 Amer. & Gen. Acc 206·0 221·2
215·2 151·4 Amer. Turnaround 201·8 215·6
233·8 164·8 Amer. Turnrnd. Acc 220·2 233·2
155·2 107·4 Capital 145·6 154·8
[illegible] Capital Accum [illegible]
80·2 65·3 Convertible & Gilt 74·6 79·2
100·0 79·8 Convert. & Gilt Acc 93·2 99·0
116·8 83·2 Extra Inc 109·8 116·8
99·6 67·0 Income 91·4 98·6
161·2 125·6 Intnl. Growth 151·6 161·2
179·8 137·0 Int. Growth Accum 168·2 178·8
62·2 44·6 Japan & Gen. Inc 59·2 62·2
106·2 77·8 Recovery Trust 98·0 104·2
110·4 80·0 Recovery Trust Acc 103·8 110·4

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT MNGMT.
169·3 126·3 Fd's Prov. Eqty Uts 157·6 166·7
273·8 200·9 Fd's Prov. Eqty Ut Acc 254·0 268·7

G. & A. UNIT TRUST MNGRS.
95·1 70·5 G & A Units 87·9 93·2

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
74·8 54·0 G.T. Capital Income 67·2 71·9
103·5 57·3 G.T. Capital Accum 95·5 100·1
157·4 115·0 G.T. European 145·1 155·2
91·1 65·1 G.T. Far East & Gen 83·9 89·8
[illegible] G.T. Income Fund [illegible]
[illegible] G.T. Intnl. Fund 115·8 121·8
181·7 112·6 G.T. Japan & Gen 151·1 161·7
102·7 97·9 G.T. Liquid Reserve 98·6 100·2
150·8 110·5 G.T. Pens. Exempt 141·1 147·8
95·5 68·1 G.T. Tech & Growth Fd 88·1 94·3
57·7 42·4 G.T. U.S. Gen 53·4 57·2

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
[illegible] American Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Australian Trust [illegible]
[illegible] British Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Commodity Share [illegible]
[illegible] Extra Income [illegible]
[illegible] Far Eastern [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Interest Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Gold Share Trust [illegible]
[illegible] High Income Tst [illegible]
[illegible] Hong Kong [illegible]
[illegible] Income Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Oil & Energy Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Special Situations [illegible]
[illegible] USA Smaller Co's Tst [illegible]

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MNGMT.
59·5 44·5 Gold & Minerals Fd 47·6 50·9
69·2 44·5 Govett Am. Grth. Fd 65·6 69·0
112·6 76·5 Govett Euro. Growth 103·7 110·9
70·2 49·9 Govett Inc. Growth 65·5 70·2
104·4 62·7 Govett Jap. Grth 97·7 104·4

GRIEVESON MNGMNT.—BARRINGTON FUNDS
261·8 184·7 European 251·4 261·8
[illegible] General 115·1 122·4
[illegible] General Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Japan [illegible]
[illegible] North America [illegible]
[illegible] North American Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's [illegible]

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MNGRS.
129·6 111·3 GRE Gilt & Fixed 112·8 117·2
165·8 113·1 GRE Gwth Eqty Tst 148·1 157·4
149·2 92·9 GRE North America 133·5 142·1
[illegible] GRE Pacific [illegible]
155·6 118·1 GRE Property Share 144·8 153·5
[illegible] GRE Small Co's [illegible]
[illegible] Guardhill [illegible]

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION
140·3 91·5 American Recovery 130·1 138·6
[illegible] Australian Tst [illegible]
[illegible] American Small Co's [illegible]
[illegible] Extra Income [illegible]
[illegible] Can. Growth Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Can. Growth Acc [illegible]
[illegible] European [illegible]
[illegible] Financial [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Interest [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Global Health Care [illegible]
[illegible] Global Techno ogy [illegible]
[illegible] High Income & Assets [illegible]
[illegible] Income & Growth Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Inc. & Growth Acc [illegible]
[illegible] International Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Special Sits [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Trust [illegible]
[illegible] North American [illegible]
[illegible] Oil & Nat. Resources [illegible]
[illegible] Pref. & Gilt [illegible]
[illegible] Recovery [illegible]
[illegible] Small Co's Div. [illegible]
[illegible] Spec. Situations Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Spec. Situations Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Worldwide [illegible]

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGMT.
[illegible] British Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Capital Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Dollar Trust [illegible]
[illegible] European Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Far East Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Financial Trust [illegible]
[illegible] General Exempt Tst [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt & Fixed Int Gth [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Income Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Japanese Tech [illegible]
[illegible] Natural Resources T [illegible]
[illegible] Security Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Special Sits. Tst [illegible]

KEY FUND MANAGERS
177·2 116·9 Key Equity & Gen 163·6 173·2
84·6 75·7 Key Fixed Int. Fd 76·5 80·6
165·2 126·7 Key Income Fund 152·1 164·0

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.
[illegible] K.B. Fd. of Inv. Tst [illegible]
[illegible] K.B. High Yield [illegible]
[illegible] K.B. UK Tst Grth In [illegible]
[illegible] K.B. Jnl Rec Fd Inc [illegible]
121·3 101·9 K.B. Smaller Co's 115·8 121·2
59·8 41·7 K.B. Wld Tch Fd Inc 46·0 49·0

LAWSON FUND MANAGERS
[illegible] Australian & Pacific [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield [illegible]
[illegible] Penny Share [illegible]

LEGAL & GENERAL TST. MNGRS.
229·3 172·1 Equity Trust 210·7 225·3
345·9 253·6 Equity Accum 317·4 339·5
[illegible] Gilt [illegible]
68·9 51·0 Intnl. Managed [illegible]

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS.
[illegible] Balanced [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Energy International [illegible]
[illegible] Energy Intnl Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Extra Income [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Income [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Tech. Unit Tst [illegible]
[illegible] Int. Tech. Unit Tst Ac [illegible]
[illegible] Nth. Amer. & Gen [illegible]
[illegible] Nth. Amer. & Gen Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific Basin Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific Basin Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Small Co's & Recov. [illegible]
[illegible] Small Co's & Rec Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Worldwide Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
[illegible] MLA Units [illegible]
[illegible] MLA International [illegible]

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
[illegible] Gilt & Fix. Interest [illegible]
[illegible] Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Int. Growth Unit Ts [illegible]

MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LTD.
[illegible] Equity Inc [illegible]
[illegible] International [illegible]

McANALLY FUND MNGMENT LTD
[illegible] Delphi Income Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Delphi Income Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Glen Fund Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Glen Fund Acc [illegible]

MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
[illegible] Mencap [illegible]

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS
[illegible] American Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Mercury Gen. Dist [illegible]
[illegible] Mercury Gen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Mercury Gilt Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Mercury Intnl. Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Mercury Intnl. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Merc. Jap. Fnd. Uts [illegible]
[illegible] Mercury Recovery [illegible]

MIDLAND BANK GP. UNIT TST. MNGRS.
[illegible] Capital [illegible]
[illegible] Capital Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Commod. & General [illegible]
[illegible] Commod. & Gen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt & Fixed Interest [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt & Fxd. Int. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Income [illegible]
[illegible] Income Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Japan & Pacific [illegible]
[illegible] Japan & Pacific Acc [illegible]
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[illegible] Overseas Growth [illegible]
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[illegible] Smaller Co's Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's Tst Acc [illegible]

MINSTER FUND MANAGERS
1984-5 High Low Name Bid Offer
[illegible] Minster Fund [illegible]

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD.
50·2 40·2 Gold & Prec. Metals 41·8 44·3
[illegible] Gold & Prec. Mets Ac [illegible]
67·4 44·6 Japan Performance 63·2 67·4
[illegible] Japan Perform. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] UK Market Features [illegible]
[illegible] UK Mark. Featrs. Ac [illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Special Feats [illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Spec. Feats. Ac [illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Special Income [illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Spec. Inc. Acc [illegible]

M. & G. GROUP
219·8 129·8 American & Gen. Fd 205·1 218·8
[illegible] American & Gen Acc [illegible]
[illegible] American Recovery [illegible]
[illegible] Amer. Recov. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Amer. Smaller Co's [illegible]
[illegible] Australasian & Gen. [illegible]
[illegible] Aust. & Gen. Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Charifund [illegible]
[illegible] Charifund Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Commodity & Gen [illegible]
[illegible] Cmpd & Gen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Compound Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Conversion Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Conversion Income [illegible]
[illegible] Dividend Fund [illegible]
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[illegible] European & Gen. Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
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[illegible] Far Eastern & Gen [illegible]
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[illegible] Midland & General [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] N.A.A.G.I.F. [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Pension Exempt [illegible]
[illegible] Recovery Fund [illegible]
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[illegible] Second General [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Trustee Fund [illegible]

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST.
[illegible] Murray American [illegible]
[illegible] Murray European [illegible]
[illegible] Murray Smaller Co's [illegible]

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INV.
[illegible] N.P. Fd Growth Dist [illegible]
[illegible] N.P.I. Growth Acc [illegible]

N.E.L. TST. MANAGERS
[illegible] Nelstar H. Income [illegible]

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP
[illegible] Norwich U. Gp Tst Fd [illegible]

OPPENHEIMER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD.
[illegible] Practical Inc. Units [illegible]
[illegible] Practical Acc. Units [illegible]
[illegible] American Growth Tst [illegible]
[illegible] Income & Growth [illegible]
[illegible] International [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Growth Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Special Situations [illegible]

PEARL TRUST MANAGERS
[illegible] Pearl Unit Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Pearl Unit Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Pearl Growth Fund [illegible]
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[illegible] Pearl Income Fund [illegible]

PERPETUAL UNIT TST. MNGMNT.
[illegible] American Growth F. [illegible]
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[illegible] Income [illegible]
[illegible] Int. Em'g Cos [illegible]

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS
[illegible] Prolific Extra Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Prolific Far Eastern [illegible]
[illegible] Prolific High Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Prolific Intnl. [illegible]
[illegible] Prolific Nth Amer. [illegible]
[illegible] Prolific Specialist Sits [illegible]
[illegible] Prolific Technology [illegible]

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRST MGRS LTD
[illegible] Prudential Units [illegible]

QUILTER MANAGEMENT CO.
[illegible] Quadrant General Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Quadrant Income [illegible]
[illegible] Quadrant Intnl. Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Quadrant Rec. Fd [illegible]

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD.
[illegible] British Life [illegible]
[illegible] Reliance Inc. [illegible]
[illegible] Sixty Reliance Acc [illegible]

RIDGEFIELD MANAGEMENT
[illegible] Income Trust [illegible]
[illegible] International [illegible]

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MNGMNT.
[illegible] N.C. America Inc [illegible]
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[illegible] N.C. Japan Fund [illegible]
[illegible] N.C. Smaller Co's [illegible]

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
[illegible] American [illegible]
[illegible] Far East [illegible]
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[illegible] High Interest Fund [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield [illegible]
[illegible] Merlin Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Securities Fund [illegible]

ROYAL LIFE FUND MNGMNT. LTD.
[illegible] Equity Trust [illegible]
[illegible] International Trust [illegible]

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.
[illegible] Gilt Inc. [illegible]
[illegible] High Inc. [illegible]
[illegible] Income & Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Special Sits [illegible]

SAVE & PROSPER SECURITIES
[illegible] Amer. Inc. & Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Capital [illegible]
[illegible] Commodity Share [illegible]
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[illegible] Investment Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Smaller Co's [illegible]
[illegible] New Technology Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Scotbits [illegible]
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[illegible] Scotyields [illegible]
[illegible] Select Intnl. [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's Inc. Fd [illegible]
[illegible] S.E. Asia Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Special Sits. Fund [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Equity [illegible]
[illegible] Universal Growth [illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Growth [illegible]

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD
[illegible] American Income [illegible]
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[illegible] Australian Acc. [illegible]
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[illegible] European Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt & Fixed Int. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Income Inc. [illegible]
[illegible] Income Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] International Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] International Fd. Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Smaller Co's [illegible]
[illegible] Singapore & Malaysian Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's Income [illegible]
[illegible] Special Sits. Inc. [illegible]
[illegible] Tokyo Income [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Equity [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Equity Acc. [illegible]

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MNGRS.
[illegible] Income [illegible]
[illegible] Accum. [illegible]

SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD.
[illegible] Scottish Income Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Scot. Nth. Amer. Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Scottish Pacific Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Scot. World Grth. Fd. [illegible]

STEWART UNIT TST MNGRS.
[illegible] American Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Australia Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Brit. sh Capital Fund [illegible]
[illegible] European Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Fund [illegible]

SUN ALLIANCE FUND MNGMNT.
[illegible] Equity Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Far East Unit Trust [illegible]
[illegible] N. America Unit Tst [illegible]

M & G TARGET FUND MNGRS LTD.
[illegible] Small Co's Fund [illegible]

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
[illegible] American Eagle [illegible]
[illegible] Australian Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Commodity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Energy [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Exempt [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Exempt Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Extra Income [illegible]
[illegible] Financial Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Capital Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Income [illegible]
[illegible] Gold Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Gold Fund Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Income Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Malaysia & Singapore [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific Reinvest. [illegible]
[illegible] Preference Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Professional Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Target Spec. Sits [illegible]
[illegible] Technology [illegible]
[illegible] U.S. Special Sits [illegible]
[illegible] Worldwide Cap. Fd [illegible]

TEMPLE BAR UNIT TRUST MNGRS.
[illegible] Gilt Trust [illegible]
[illegible] High Income Trust [illegible]
[illegible] North American [illegible]
[illegible] Recovery Trust [illegible]
[illegible] St. Vincent Inc. [illegible]
[illegible] St. Vincent US Gth Fd [illegible]

TOUCHE REMNANT UNIT TRUST MAGMNT. LTD.
[illegible] TR Amer. Growth Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] TR Global Technology [illegible]
[illegible] TR Income Gth. Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] TR Inc. Monthly Fd [illegible]
[illegible] TR Overseas Gth. Fd [illegible]
[illegible] TR Smaller Cos. [illegible]
[illegible] TR Special Opps. Fd [illegible]

TRANSATLANTIC & GEN. SECS.
1984-5 High Low Name Bid Offer
[illegible] Colemco [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Field ng Am&Gen Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Field ng Am&Gen Ac [illegible]
[illegible] Fielding Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Fielding Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Fielding Income [illegible]
[illegible] S & W Amer.Cap [illegible]

T.S.B. UNIT TRUST
[illegible] T.S.B. American [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. Extra Inc [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. General Inc. [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. General Acc [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. Gilt & Fix Int [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. Income [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. Intnl. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. Int. Ac. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. Pacific Inc [illegible]
[illegible] T.S.B. Select. Op. Ac [illegible]

TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD.
[illegible] Australasian Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Capital Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Exempt Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Far Eastern [illegible]
[illegible] Fin. & Property [illegible]
[illegible] Fin. & Property Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Capital Trust [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Income [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Income Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Earnings Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Internatl. Gwth. Fnd [illegible]
[illegible] Japan & Gwth. Fd. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Natural Resources [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]
[illegible] N. American Gth. [illegible]
[illegible] N. Amer. Gth. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Preference Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Pref. Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Scottish Income [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Companies [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Co's Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Special Situations [illegible]

UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT & MNGMT.
[illegible] Friars House Fd [illegible]

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD
[illegible] American Inc [illegible]
[illegible] Australia [illegible]
[illegible] Far East & Gen. [illegible]
[illegible] Income Fst [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Grth [illegible]
[illegible] Nat. Resources [illegible]
[illegible] Smaller Company's [illegible]
[illegible] Techno ogy [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Trust [illegible]

WIELER (ANTHONY) & CO.
[illegible] Wieler Growth Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Accum [illegible]

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
[illegible] Equity Series I [illegible]
[illegible] Property Series I [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Accum Ser. 2 [illegible]
[illegible] Property Acc. Ser. 2 [illegible]
[illegible] Selective Acc. Ser. 2 [illegible]
[illegible] American Series 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Series 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Interest Ser. 4 [illegible]
[illegible] High Income Ser. 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Indexed Int. Ser. 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Series 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Money Series 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Property Series 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Pensions Equity [illegible]
[illegible] Pensions Fixed Int. [illegible]
[illegible] Pens. Indexed Inv. [illegible]
[illegible] Pensions Managed [illegible]
[illegible] Pensions Property [illegible]
[illegible] Pensions Security [illegible]
[illegible] Pensions Selective [illegible]

ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
[illegible] Equity Fund Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Pen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Int. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Int. Pen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Man. Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Man. Pen Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Fund Pen. [illegible]
[illegible] Mult. Inv. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Mult. Inv. Pen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] North American Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fund Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Prop. Pension Acc [illegible]

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.)
[illegible] Government Secs T [illegible]

BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
[illegible] America Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Australia Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Barclay Bond [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt-Edged Acc [illegible]
[illegible] International Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Money Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Property Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Income Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Financial Acc [illegible]
[illegible] "500" Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt-Edged Pen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Greater Pacific Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Pen. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Money Pen. Acc [illegible]

BARCLAYS UNICORN INTNL (I.O.M.)
[illegible] Uni-Australian [illegible]
[illegible] Uni-Aust. Mineral [illegible]
[illegible] Uni-Pacific [illegible]
[illegible] Uni-International [illegible]

BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD.
[illegible] Britannic Man. Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Britannic Prop. Fd. [illegible]

CANNON ASSURANCE
[illegible] Equity Unit [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Property Unit [illegible]
[illegible] Bal. Bnd. Exec. Unit [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Bond Exec. [illegible]
[illegible] Prop. Bond Exec. [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Amer. Can. Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Equity Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Far East Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Gilt Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Intnl. Mon. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Managed Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Property Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Amer. Bus. Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Equity Pens. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Far E. Pens. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. High Inc. Pens. Ac [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Intnl. Pens. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Man. Pens. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Sec. Prop. Pens. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] L. & E. S. I. F. [illegible]
[illegible] L. & E. S. I. F. (2) [illegible]

CHIEFTAIN ASSURANCE
[illegible] American [illegible]
[illegible] Basic Resources [illegible]
[illegible] Far Eastern [illegible]
[illegible] High Income [illegible]
[illegible] Income & Growth [illegible]
[illegible] International [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Income [illegible]

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Nat. Resources Fd. [illegible]
Above prices for policies issued after 1.1.1980.

COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP
[illegible] Fixed Interest [illegible]
[illegible] International Equity [illegible]
[illegible] Managed [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Equity [illegible]

CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE
[illegible] The Man. Fund Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Pen. Man. Fund Acc. [illegible]

CORNHILL INSURANCE
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Interest Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Money Fund [illegible]

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP
[illegible] Criterion Man. Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Pens. Man. Cap [illegible]
[illegible] Pens. Man. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Pens. Guar. Dep. Cap [illegible]
[illegible] Pens. Guar. Dep. Acc [illegible]

CROWN LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible] Gilt Fund Income [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Fund Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Int. Fd. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Fund Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Inv. Tst. Fd. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Fund Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Money Fund Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fund Acc. [illegible]

EAGLE STAR INS. MIDLAND ASS'CE
[illegible] Eagle Midland [illegible]

EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASS'CE
[illegible] Fixed Interest Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Guid. Deposit Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Mixed Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fund [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Equities Fund [illegible]

FRIENDS PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE
[illegible] Fixed Interest Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Mixed Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Overseas Equity Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Property Acc [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Equity Acc [illegible]

G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS
[illegible] Anchor Intnl [illegible]

G & E LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
[illegible] Deposit Acc [illegible]
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[illegible] Fixed Interest Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Index-Linked Gilt Ac [illegible]
[illegible] International Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Initial [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Acc [illegible]
[illegible] North Amer. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Property Acc [illegible]

GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
[illegible] Managed Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Int. Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Money Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Fram. American [illegible]
[illegible] Fram. Capital [illegible]
[illegible] Fram. Income [illegible]
[illegible] Fram. Int. Growth [illegible]
[illegible] Fram. Recovery Tst. [illegible]

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible] H. Amer. Equity Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] H. American Man. [illegible]
[illegible] H. American Prop. [illegible]
[illegible] Hambro Equity [illegible]
[illegible] H. Fixed Int. Dep [illegible]
[illegible] H. Gilt Edged [illegible]
[illegible] H. Managed Cap [illegible]
[illegible] H. Managed Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. O'seas Earnings Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. Property [illegible]
[illegible] H. Pen. Am. Eq. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. Pen. Equity Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. Pen. Far East Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. Pen. Gilt Edged Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. Pen Man. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. Pen Money Acc [illegible]
[illegible] H. Pen. Prop. Acc [illegible]

HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY
1984-5 High Low Name Bid Offer
155·1 138·0 Managed Fund 144·8 153·1

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION
[illegible] Far East [illegible]
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[illegible] North American [illegible]
[illegible] Special Situations [illegible]

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible] Managed Units [illegible]
[illegible] Man. Series A [illegible]
[illegible] Man. Series C [illegible]
[illegible] Money Units [illegible]
[illegible] Money Series A [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Series A [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Int. Series A [illegible]

HODGE LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
[illegible] Hodge Bonds [illegible]
[illegible] Takeover Fund [illegible]

IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible] Growth Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Pension Managed Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Int. Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fund [illegible]

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible] Global Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Fund [illegible]

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASS'CE.)
[illegible] Cash Initial [illegible]
[illegible] Cash Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Initial [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Initial [illegible]
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[illegible] Intnl. Acc. [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Initial [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Property Initial [illegible]
[illegible] Property Accum [illegible]

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible] Global Growth Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Key Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Sel. Sec. "A" [illegible]
[illegible] Select Security Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Spearhead Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Blue Chip Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Deposit Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Yield Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Fund [illegible]

LLOYD'S LIFE ASSURANCE
[illegible] Opt. 5 Dep. "A" Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Opt. 5 Equity "A" Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Opt. 5 H. Yld. "A" Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Opt. 5 Man. "A" Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Opt. 5 Prop. "A" Fd [illegible]
[illegible] High Inc. Tst. Fd. [illegible]

LONDON & INDEMNITY & GENERAL INSURANCE
[illegible] Money Manager [illegible]
[illegible] Money Man. Flexible [illegible]

LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED
[illegible] Equity [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Interest [illegible]
[illegible] International [illegible]
[illegible] Mixed [illegible]
[illegible] Property [illegible]

LONDON LIFE MANAGED FUNDS LTD.
[illegible] Equity (P) [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Interest (P) [illegible]
[illegible] Indexed Stock (P) [illegible]
[illegible] International (P) [illegible]
[illegible] Mixed (P) [illegible]
[illegible] Property (P) [illegible]

LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP
[illegible] Capital Growth Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Flexible Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Guaranteed Dep. Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Invest. Trust Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Money Maker Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fund [illegible]

MANUFACTURERS LIFE INS. CO.
[illegible] Investment [illegible]
[illegible] Deposit [illegible]
[illegible] Equity [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt-Edged [illegible]
[illegible] International [illegible]
[illegible] Managed [illegible]
[illegible] Property [illegible]

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASSURANCE
[illegible] Conv. Deposit Bond [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Bond [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Bond [illegible]
[illegible] Money Market Bond [illegible]
[illegible] Property Bond [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Equity [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Managed [illegible]
[illegible] North America [illegible]

M. & G. GROUP
[illegible] America Bond [illegible]
[illegible] American Recovery [illegible]
[illegible] Australasian [illegible]
[illegible] Commodity [illegible]
[illegible] Convert. Deposit Bd [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Bonus [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Accum [illegible]
[illegible] Extra Yield Bonds [illegible]
[illegible] Family Bonds (1982-86) [illegible]
[illegible] Far Eastern [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Bond [illegible]
[illegible] High Yield Bond [illegible]
[illegible] International Bonds [illegible]
[illegible] Japan Bonds [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Bonds [illegible]
[illegible] Mirror Bonds [illegible]
[illegible] Pers. Pension [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Recovery Bond [illegible]

N.E.L. PENSIONS LTD.
[illegible] Nelex Equity Accum [illegible]

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE Plc.
[illegible] Kiwi Key Inv. Plan [illegible]
[illegible] American [illegible]
[illegible] Deposit [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt [illegible]
[illegible] High Inc. Eqy. Dist. [illegible]
[illegible] High Inc. Fix Int Dis [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific [illegible]
[illegible] Property [illegible]
[illegible] U.K. Equity [illegible]

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP
[illegible] Norwich Deposit Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Norwich Equity Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Norwich Fix. Int. F. [illegible]
[illegible] Norwich Managed Fd [illegible]
[illegible] Norwich Property Fd [illegible]

PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO.
[illegible] Wealth Assured Bds. [illegible]

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASS. CO.
[illegible] R.S. Equity Bond [illegible]
[illegible] R.S. Flex. Mon. Bd. [illegible]
[illegible] R.S. Managed Bond [illegible]
[illegible] Nat. Mnged. Cur. Fd. [illegible]

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Fund (A) [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Edged Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Edged Fund (A) [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Fund (A) [illegible]
[illegible] Investment Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Investment Fd. (A) [illegible]
[illegible] Money Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Money Fund (A) [illegible]

PROVIDENCE CAP. LIFE ASS'CE
[illegible] Equity Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Int. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Property Acc [illegible]
[illegible] Special Market Fund [illegible]

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOC. OF LONDON LTD.
[illegible] Pin. Co. [illegible]

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASS'CE
[illegible] High Income [illegible]
[illegible] International [illegible]
[illegible] Managed [illegible]
[illegible] North American [illegible]
[illegible] Techno ogy [illegible]

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE CO. LTD.
[illegible] Prufund Managed F. [illegible]

PRUDENTIAL PENSIONS LTD.
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Fixed Interest Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Intnl. Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Property Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Cash [illegible]
[illegible] Managed [illegible]
[illegible] Cash Fund [illegible]

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LTD.
[illegible] Managed [illegible]
[illegible] Property [illegible]

RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE
[illegible] Equity Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Managed Fd. [illegible]

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
[illegible] Rowan Bond [illegible]

ROYAL INSURANCE GROUP
[illegible] Royal Shield [illegible]

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD.
[illegible] R.L. Fixed Fund [illegible]

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
[illegible] Balanced Invest [illegible]
[illegible] Deposit Fund [illegible]
[illegible] Equity Pension Fd. [illegible]
[illegible] Gilt Fund [illegible]
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STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
1984-5 High Low Name Bid Offer
272·3 215·0 Managed Fund 257·5 271·1
338·1 252·7 Pen. Managed Fund 321·0 337·9

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INS.
396·0 301·1 Equity Fund 376·1 396·5
251·9 204·2 Fixed Int. Fund 212·9 224·2
275·5 190·9 International Fd. 258·5 272·2
311·8 248·0 Managed Fund 295·6 311·2
241·5 205·6 Property Fund 232·0 244·3
132·20 121·75 Intnl. Bond — 132·20

SUN LIFE ASS. CO. OF CANADA (U.K.)
404·7 306·1 Maple Leaf Equity F. — 403·3
575·8 456·9 Maple Leaf Growth F. — 566·6
353·1 271·7 Maple Leaf Man. Fd. — 345·1
595·2 481·9 Pers. Pen. Plan — 595·2
232·8 176·8 Pension Man. Cap 202·2 212·8
291·8 236·4 Pension Man. Acc 277·2 291·8

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD.
170·2 160·4 Cash 161·6 170·2
155·6 135·4 Distribution 141·2 148·7
455·4 338·4 Equity 424·7 447·1
192·0 171·2 Fixed Interest 175·6 184·9
260·1 202·5 International 247·0 260·1
336·1 274·8 Managed 321·1 338·1
226·1 189·7 Property 195·7 206·3

TARGET LIFE ASSURANCE
125·4 120·7 Deposit Fd. Inc 118·8 125·1
127·1 112·7 Fixed Int. Fd. Inc 127·6 134·4
225·2 212·8 Gilt Pen Fd. Cap 214·2 225·2
316·2 279·6 Gilt Pen Fd. Acc 287·0 302·2
642·5 ... Man Pen Fd. Cap 610·3 642·5
886·1 682·5 Man Pen Fd. Acc 824·6 868·1
226·6 170·0 Managed Fd. Inc 224·6 236·5
339·5 265·6 Managed Fd. Acc 320·6 337·7
217·4 157·8 Ret. Plan Cap 203·3 216·9
333·9 234·2 Ret. Plan Acc 312·2 333·1

TEACHERS ASSURANCE
114·3 106·9 Cash Fund 108·6 114·3
119·1 104·2 Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd 107·9 113·6
157·5 114·5 Managed Fund 150·1 157·0

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INS. CO.
441·0 358·7 Tulip Invest Fund 418·9 448·0
509·5 ... Tulip Managed Fund 234·1 ...
285·1 185·3 Managed Bond Fund 213·9 225·1
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TYNDALL ASSURANCE LTD.
[illegible] Property Fund — 187·4
[illegible] 3-way Fund — 249·7

VANBRUGH LIFE ASSURANCE
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WARBURG INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (IOM) LTD.
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WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
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* Ex-distribution.
† Based on offer prices.
WX Ex-withdrawal.

The following table consists of those Unit Trusts and Insurance, Property, Bonds, which are either valued monthly or quarterly.

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

MINSTER FUND MANAGERS
Name Bid Offer
Minster Exempt 223·2 234·2

TRADES UNION TRUST
T.U.U.T. 128·0 131·8

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

BLACK HORSE LIFE ASSURANCE
Black Horse Bond 26·50 —
Balanced Fd 227·9 239·7
Cash Fd 146·3 154·0
Energy Intnl 107·8 113·3
Extra Inc. Fd 218·0 229·5
Fixed Interest Fd 151·3 162·5
Income Fd 236·6 [illegible]
Intnl. Technology Fd 330·0 315·6
Managed Int. Fd 196·6 206·9
North America & Gen 195·0 205·5
Property Fd 160·1 168·5
Small Co's & Recovery Fund 257·1 270·6
Worldwide Growth 252·0 265·3

CANTERBURY LIFE ASS'CE
Exempt Managed Fd 179·1 189·0
Managed Fd 192·0 203·0

CHIEFTAIN ASSURANCE
Cash 136·4 145·7

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Managed Fd 333·4 347·8
Money Fd 196·2 206·6
West Prop. Units 101·3 106·5
First Units 335·1 351·8
P.U.L.A. Units 218·9 223·0
Soc. Prop. Units 84·6 89·8
Century All Weather 277·3 291·8
Century Bricks & Mortar 222·0 233·7
Century Property 21·6 28·8

CONFEDERATION LIFE INS. CO.
Equity Bond 527·5 555·0
Protectors Ins 153·5 —

CORNHILL INSURANCE
Capital Fd 29·5 —
G.S. Special 121·2 —

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP
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CROWN LIFE
Crown Brit. Inv 312·5 —

CRUSADER INSURANCE
Growth Fd 125·7 135·5

FAMILY ASSURANCE SOCIETY
Family Bond "A" [illegible]
Family Bond "B" [illegible]
Family Bond "C" [illegible]
Family Growth [illegible]
IT Units [illegible]
Capital [illegible]

GARTMORE INVEST. MANAGEMENT
Intnl. Growth [illegible]

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE INS. CO. LTD.
Gilt — 88 [illegible] 105·0
Portfolio Fd. Initial [illegible]
Portfolio Fd. Acc. [illegible]
Portfolio Investment "A" Units [illegible]

GUARDIAN R.E.
Property Bonds 333·8 351·5
Property Initial [illegible]

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE
H. Pen B.S. Cap [illegible]
H. Pen B.S. Acc [illegible]
H. Pen DAF Cap [illegible]
H. Pen DAF Acc [illegible]

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE
Property Units [illegible]
Prop. Ser. A [illegible]
Pens. Man. Cap [illegible]
Pens. Man. Acc [illegible]
Pens. Gtd. Cap [illegible]
Pens. Gtd. Acc [illegible]
Pens. Equity Cap [illegible]
Pens. Fixed Int. Cap [illegible]
Pens. Prop. Cap [illegible]

IRISH LIFE ASS'CE
1984-5 High Low Name Bid Offer
Prop. Modules 277·9 292·5
Prop. Modules Gwth. 373·5 393·1

LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
Balanced Portfolio 64·3 65·8
Capital Growth Fund 61·7 65·0
Capital Secure Fund 130·7 135·4

LEGAL & GENERAL ASSURANCE
Exempt Cash Initial 170·5 179·5
Exempt Cash Acc 215·3 226·7
Exempt Equity Initial 501·8 528·3
Exempt Equity Acc 653·7 687·1
Exempt Fixed Initial 279·3 294·1
Exempt Fixed Acc 352·7 371·3
Exempt Intnl. Initial 157·8 165·5
Exempt Intnl. Acc 178·1 187·5
Exempt Man. Initial 390·6 411·2
Exempt Man. Acc 493·3 519·3
Exempt Property Initial 176·6 186·1
Exempt Property Acc 223·1 234·9

LANGHAM LIFE ASS'CE
"A" Plan Fd 89·4 94·1
Man. Fd. (Wisp) 125·8 132·6
Property Bonds 251·5 256·5

LLOYDS LIFE ASSURANCE
Mult. Grth. Fd. £2·5747 —

MGM ASSURANCE
Conlink 425·2 451·6

NEL PENSIONS
Nelex Dep. Cap 78·1 [illegible]
Nelex Dep. Acc 97·6 102·8
Nelex Equity Cap 216·3 228·0
Nelex Gilt & Fixed Interest Cap. 80·4 84·6
Nelex Gilt & Fixed Interest Acc. 119·0 125·4
Nelex Growth Inc 112·5 118·4
Nelex Growth Acc 156·2 164·4
Nelex Index Linked Cap. 45·9 48·3
Nelex Index Linked Acc 56·3 59·2
Nelex Intnl. Fixed Int. Cap. 69·7 73·4
Nelex Intnl. Fixed Int. Acc. 89·5 94·2
Nelex Managed Cap. 93·5 98·4
Nelex Managed Acc. 126·9 133·5

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP
Norwich [illegible] 544·2 —

OAKLIFE ASSURANCE
Managed Bond 144·8 153·1

PEARL ASSURANCE (UNIT FUNDS)
Equity Fd 376·7 396·5
Managed Fd 284·4 299·4
Property 140·4 147·8
Prop. Acc 207·5 218·5

PHOENIX ASSURANCE
Ebor Equity Endowment 205·6 215·7

PIONEER MUTUAL INS. CO.
Managed Fund 229·4 241·4
Managed Pens. on Income Fd 256·6 270·1
Managed Pension Capital Fd 258·6 272·2

PROPERTY EQUITY & LIFE ASS'CE
R.S. Cloud Fd 125·5 —
R.S. Prop. Bond 271·8 —

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE
Actuarial Fd 157·2 —
Abb. Nat. Fd 255·9 —
Abb. Nat. Fd. (A) 225·2 —
Agricultural Fd 411·2 —
Agricultural Fd. (A) 111·2 —
Immediate Annuity 190·5 —
Property Fd 299·0 —
Property Fd. (A) 280·0 —
Retirement Annuity 335·3 —
All-Weather Acc 311·4 —
Investment Fd 337·7 —
Pension Fd 383·9 —

RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE
Prop. Fund (1st issue) 576·7 —
Prop. Fund (2nd issue) 116·0 122·1

SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASS'CE CO.
Flexible Unit Endow 605·4 [illegible]
Pension Managed 477·8 [illegible]

ST. GEORGE ASSURANCE CO.
St. George Managed Fund (PIP) 191·0 201·1

STALWART ASSURANCE CO. LTD.
Fixed Interest 107·8 113·5
Flexi-Managed Fund 106·8 112·4
Pension Managed Fund 97·6 [illegible]

TARGET LIFE ASSURANCE
Prop. Fd. Inc 150·1 [illegible]
Prop. Fd. Acc 240·0 —
Prop. Fd. Inv 155·0 —

SAVER'S CHOICE

THE banks' three and six-month terms have fallen slightly over the past week, but rates are still increasing for savers elsewhere. Three-month bank rates are down ½ p.c. and six month down ⅝ p.c., but Barclays has added ½ p.c. to its high-interest account, while Midland has increased its similar account from 12·6 to 13·25 p.c. and Bank of Scotland's account is up from 13 p.c. to 13·2 p.c.

Short-term gilts are yielding 0·1 p.c. more than a week ago, and the best local authority bonds over two and three years are ⅛ and ¼ p.c. better respectively.

But guaranteed income bonds are now giving some highly attractive terms for longer periods as well as 10¼ p.c. over one-year from London brokers Chase de Vere. It is highly likely that the 10 p.c. offers will not last more than a couple of days, however, so be quick.

BANKS

	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	Natwest	Ryl Bk of Scot.	Bk of Scot.		
Deposit rates, nominal	11½pc	11½pc	11pc	11pc	11pc	11½pc		

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	EFFECTIVE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE nil-tax p.c.	30pc tax p.c.	40pc tax p.c.	50pc tax p.c.	60pc tax p.c.	INVESTMENT LIMITS Minimum £	Maximum £
MIDLAND								
Deposit account (v)	11·00	11·00	7·70	6·60	5·50	4·40	—	—
1-month term (v)	12·88	13·66	9·55	8·20	6·83	5·46	—	—
3-month term (f)	12·50	13·10	9·17	7·58	6·55	5·24	—	—
6-month term (f)	11·63	11·97	8·38	7·18	5·99	4·79	—	—
12-month term (f)	11·00	11·00	7·70	6·60	5·50	4·40	—	—
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK (v)								
Service account	3·00	3·00	2·10	1·80	1·50	1·20	—	—
Deposit account	11·00	11·00	7·70	6·60	5·50	4·40	—	—
Term deposit 1 year	11·00	11·00	7·70	6·60	5·50	4·40	—	—
NATIONAL GIROBANK (v)	9·00	9·20	6·44	5·52	4·60	3·68	—	—

NATIONAL SAVINGS

Investment account (v)	12·25	12·25	8·56	7·35	6·13	4·90	—	50,000
INDEX-LINKED CERTS (v) (1)	4·60	4·60	4·60	4·60	4·60	4·60	10	10,000
30th ISSUE SAVINGS (f)							25	5,000
Held for 1 year	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76		
Held for 2 years	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	—	—
Held for 3 years	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	—	—
Held for 4 years	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	—	—
Held for 5 years	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	—	—
Common extn. rate	9·00	9·00	9·00	9·00	9·00	9·00	—	—
YEARLY PLAN (f)							20 per month	100
1-year	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00		
2-year	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	—	—
3-year	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	—	—
4-year	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	—	—
5-year	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	—	—
DEPOSIT BONDS from March 13 (v)	12·75	12·75	8·93	7·65	6·38	5·10	250	50,000
INCOME BONDS (v)	12·75	13·52	9·46	8·11	6·76	5·41	2,000	50,000

BUILDING SOCIETIES

Ordinary account (v)	7·50	7·64	7·64	6·55	5·46	4·36	—	30,000
7-day (v) Halifax	8·75	8·94	8·94	7·66	6·39	5·11	500	30,000
28-day (v) Halifax	9·00	9·20	9·20	7·88	6·57	5·26	500	30,000

MONEY FUNDS

Western Trust 1-month (f)	13·69	14·58	10·21	8·75	7·29	5·83	2,500	50,000
HFC Trust 3-month (f)	13·75	14·47	10·13	8·68	7·24	5·79	2,500	100,000
Lombard N Central 1-yr (f)	11·00	11·00	7·70	6·60	5·50	4·46	1,000	100,000

HIGH INTEREST BANK ACCOUNTS

Bank of Scotland (v)	13·20	14·03	9·82	8·42	7·02	5·61	2,500	—
Barclays Prime (v)	13·25	13·92	9·74	8·35	6·96	5·57	2,500	—
Co-op Cheque + Save (v)	14·00	14·75	10·33	8·85	7·38	5·90	1,000	—
Lombard N Central (v)	12·75	13·15	9·21	7·89	6·58	5·26	2,500	—
Midland (v)	13·25	13·92	9·74	8·35	6·96	5·57	2,000	100,000
Britannia (Cater)	13·25	14·09	9·86	8·45	7·05	5·64	2,500	—
M&G Kleinwort (v)	13·25	14·10	9·87	8·46	7·05	5·64	2,500	—
Save & Prosper (v)	13·10	14·00	9·80	8·40	7·00	5·60	1,000	—
Schroder Wagg (v)	13·75	14·65	10·26	8·79	7·33	5·86	2,500	—
Tyndall (v)	13·50	14·20	9·94	8·52	7·10	5·68	2,500	

DEPOSIT FUNDS

UDT, 7-day (v)	13·57	14·21	9·94	8·52	7·11	5·68	5,000	250,000
Lombard N Cent 14-day (v)	13·25	13·68	9·58	8·21	6·84	5·47	2,500	—

INCOME BONDS

1-year Chase de Vere	10·25	10·25	10·25	8·78	7·32	5·86	1,000	100,000
2-year Gen. Portfolio	10·00	10·00	10·00	9·00	8·10	7·10	1,000	100,000
3-year Gen. Portfolio	10·00	10·00	10·00	9·00	8·10	7·10	1,000	100,000
4-year Gen. Portfolio	10·00	10·00	10·00	9·00	8·10	7·10	1,000	100,000

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS

1-year Leicester	10·75	11·04	7·73	6·62	5·52	4·42	500	—
2-year Bolton	11·00	11·30	7·91	6·78	5·65	4·52	500	—
3-year Lambeth	11·25	11·57	8·10	6·94	5·79	4·63	1,000	—
4-year Lambeth	11·25	11·57	8·10	6·94	5·79	4·63	1,000	—

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS (f) (01-920 0501 after 3.30 p.m.)

GILTS

Exchequer 13¼ 1987	13·00	13·42	9·39	8·05	6·71	5·37	—	—
Treasury 13¼ 1997	12·00	12·36	8·65	7·42	6·18	4·94	—	—
Treasury 7¾ 2012-15	10·00	10·25	7·18	6·15	5·13	4·10	—	—

Return (f) Fixed; (v) Variable.

1—Return based on the increase in the RPI for the year to December 1984. The index value applicable to the repayment of index-linked certificates during February 1985, is 358·5. A 3 p.c. bonus is payable if units are held until November. The same rates apply to the now closed S A Y E scheme.

☐ THE table (above) shows two rates of interest for each savings scheme: the nominal rate which should be used in companies' advertisements, and the annual percentage rate (A P R) which is the effective return if interest is re-invested as received. The more frequently that interest is paid, the higher the A P R. For example, if the clearing bank deposit rate was 8 p.c. nominal the investor depositing £100 would actually have £4 credited to his account after six months, and £4·16 credited after the next six months. So after a year the £100 would have grown to £108·16, giving an A P R of 8·16 p.c.

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BAIRD OUT—SO SCOTS BRING IN POLLOCK

By JOHN MASON in Paris

GAVIN ROGER TODD BAIRD rose early at his hotel in Bougival, west of Paris, yesterday. By 8 a.m., he knew that he could not play for Scotland against France at the Parc des Princes today.

A brief but strenuous run, with expert medical advice and attention at hand, convinced Baird of what he had been fearing for much of the week—a badly-bruised shin had not yielded to teratment.

So the breakfast message to Jim Pollock, the reserve wing, was: "You're playing." Until Thursday, Pollock, who was first capped against Wales three years ago, also at the last minute, had been expecting to follow the match on *television*.

Pollock, from Gosforth, was not in the original squad of 21 to travel to France, and was summoned as reserve when Iwan Tukalo, the other wing, withdrew on Thursday morning because of hamstring trouble.

Pollock's latest promotion—he will be on the left wing with Peter Steven, who came in for Tukalo, on the right — meant hasty arrangements had to be made for Alex Tait, of Kelso, a centre, to be flown out as the new bench replacement.

Lescarboura on trial

Scotland's latest mishap will have done little to improve previously limited chances of defeating France who, in turn, have been handicapped by the self-inflicted wounds of indifferent selection and poor tactical direction behind the scrum.

Irrespective of an immense ability to kick penalties and to drop goals, from somewhere approaching the lower reaches of the Seine, Jean-Pierre Lescarboura, the outside-half, finds that he is on trial today.

It is felt, with some justification judging by the most recent events against England at Twickenham, that Lescarboura does not make the best use of the attacking skills of those outside him. As a result, remarkably, confidence has been lacking.

I would dispute that the blame is solely that of Lascarboura. England's rumbustious performance up front so shook the French that possession from all facets, especially the line-out, was erratic—not non-existent, but always uncertain.

Nor did the odd ploy of using Gallion as the thrower at the line-out work, and nor was the back row, usually that part of the French machine that has an insatiable output, to be seen in effective terms.

Homework well done

Scotland, who have invested David Leslie with the captaincy, much to the well-publicised relief of Roy Laidlaw, his predecessor, whose game has been affected by needing to worry about the performance of others, have done their homework. Their aim is a judicious mixture and application of England's tactics.

No rugby account these days is complete without a meteorological report, and yesterday when Scotland trained for approaching an hour at Maisons-Lafitte, outside Paris, the temperature was well below freezing.

But the day was clear and crisp, without a wisp of the snow which was falling nearer the Channel ports in northern France. At best one can be certain there is every assurance that today's match will be played, and that the straw covering the Parc des Princes has done its job.

The French, who have the considerable services of Jean-Luc Joinel at No. 8 again, have not trained to any extent since Thursday morning, though individuals have been out for brief muscle-stretching runs. Instead, there has been plenty of talking in the French camp.

On Thursday afternoon, it was film time—the bitter-sweet video of last year's Grand Slam match, with Scotland at Murrayfield, an epic starring not, contrary to popular belief, Winston Jones, the referee, but, so I believe, the disciplined performance of a well-organised Scotland team.

Importance of Milne

That video was followed by one of Scotland's defeat by Ireland at Murrayfield a fortnight ago. The French quite enjoyed that, though they were aware that the principal absentees included Leslie and Iain Milne, the tight-head prop and cornerstone of Scotland's pack.

Both men will be important today, although the greatest influence is likely to stem from the full-backs—and for different reasons.

Serge Blanco, having been chosen on the right wing, has been returned to full-back, the position best suited to his accomplishments. Opposite him is Peter Dods, probably the most consistent goal-kicker of them all.

Yesterday morning the French were again excused training. This was not because of the weather, or of any desire to ease down the match preparations, but because they were visited by the Prime Minister Laurent Fabius.

M. Fabius, with a part eye upon local government elections next month, was well briefed. There was he told the team, revenge in the air following France's defeat by Scotland last winter. He looked forward to "un bean match."

We would all vote for that, especially as, I have to tell dear Scottish friends, there is defeat, as well as revenge, awaiting them in the chilly Parisian air.

The line-up

FRANCE

15 .. S. Blanco (Biarritz)
14 .. L. Pardo (Montferrand)
13 .. P. Sella (Agen)
12 .. D. Codorniou (Narbonne)
11 .. P. Esteve (Narbonne)
10 .. J-P. Lescarboura (Dax)
9 .. J. Gallion (Toulon)
1 .. P. Dospital (Bayonne)
2 .. P. Dintrans (Tarbes, capt.)
3 .. J-P. Garuet (Lourdes)
4 .. F. Haget (Biarritz)
5 .. J. Condom (Le Boucau)
6 .. J. Gratton (Agen)
7 .. L. Rodriguez (Mont de Marsan)
8 .. J-L. Joinel (Brive)

REPLACEMENTS: 16, C. B[illegible] (Montferrand); 17, P-E Detrez (Nimes); 18, J-C Orso (Nice); 19, P. Berbizier (Lourdes); 20, E. Bonneval (Toulouse); 21, G. Laporte (Graulhet).

SCOTLAND

15 ... P. W. Dods (Gala)
14 ... P. D. Steven (Heriot's FP)
13 ... K. W. Robertson (Melrose)
12 ... K. T. Murray (Hawick)
11 ... J. A. Pollock (Gosforth)
10 ... J. Y. Rutherford (Selkirk)
9 ... R. J. Laidlaw (Jedforest)
1 ... G. M. McGuinness (West of Scotland)
2 ... C. T. Deans (Hawick)
3 ... I. G. Milne (Harlequins)
4 ... T. J. Smith (Gala)
5 ... A. J. Campbell (Hawick)
6 ... D. G. Leslie (Gala, capt.)
7 ... J. H. Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP)
8 ... I. A. M. Paxton (Selkirk)

REPLACEMENTS: 16, N. A. Rowan (Boroughmuir); 17, G. J. Callander; 18, J. Jeffrey (Kelso); 19, I. G. Hunter (Selkirk); 20, D. S. Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP); 21, A. V. Tait (Kelso).

REFEREE: L. Prideaux (England).

Jim Pollock, again a late choice for Scotland, will be on the left wing against France in Paris today.

Powerboats

SEEBOLDS' THREAT TO HILL

By RAY BULMAN

JOHN HILL (Beefeater/Burgess/Mercury), the veteran British powerboat driver, will need all his World Formula II champion experience to do well in this weekend's Miami Grand Prix.

This three-heat contest, held in the Miami Marine Stadium, marks the second round of this year's World Formula II series.

The pace has attracted 18 contenders, mostly from the United States, including Hill's greatest threat, Bill and Mike Seebold (Bud Light/Seebold/Mercury), the American father and son team.

Mike Seebold won the first round in Nassau, Bahamas, last month. Hill took second place on that occasion, but at 53, had to concede to the young American, who is more than 30 years his junior.

Kerton confident

Also representing Britain in Miami is by Laing Homes driver, Steve Kerton (Barracuda/Mercury). His new boat suffered damage while being lifted ashore for the Nassau event and forced his retirement from the line-up.

With his boat repaired, Kerton will be out to show Hill and the Seebolds the determination which achieved the British National Formula II Championship last year.

Dark horse of this second round could be Bertil Wik (Molgaard/Mariner), of Sweden. Wik is highly competitive and usually motors through to victory when his outfit survives his punishing pace.

Wik was well placed in Nassau until falling back with a broken gearbox, but if he is mechanically lucky in Miami, the Seebolds and Hill could have a tough fight on their hands.

Boxing

SMITH FIGHT IS SWITCHED

The hand injury sustained by R. W. Smith when losing to Lloyd Honeyghan on Tuesday has caused promoter Mike Barrett to put back his first tournament at the Derngate Centre, Northampton, for three weeks.

Mr Barrett has switched the event from March 12 to April 1 to enable Smith, a welterweight, to top the bill against Frank Morrow, of Liverpool. X-rays on his damaged right hand showed bruising.

MELBOURNE. — I B F Jnr Lightweight Ch'ship (15 rds): Lester Ellis (Australia) bt Hwankil Yuh (S. Korea) pts.

Hockey

Cup Final likely to be moved

By CHRIS MOORE

THE prospects of the H A Cup Final being played on the scheduled date of April 21 are becoming increasingly unlikely as the competition continues to be hit by the winter weather.

Several first round ties, already delayed for a month, are in danger of further postponement tomorrow.

Mrs Barbara Miroy, the competition's secretary, said yesterday that further delays would make it as good as impossible to play the final on April 21. "At this rate, the final could take place in mid-May," she said.

Midweek likely

With the County Championship also due to be played and with England training weekends and other domestic fixtures all jostling for a few free dates, it is possible that some HA Cup-ties will have to be played in midweek.

The situation regarding tomorrow's fixtures is still confused, with officials from several clubs searching for artificial pitches which have been cleared of snow and ice.

Bisham Abbey has come to the rescue by staging two second round matches, Slough playing Reading at 4 p.m. and Gore Court meeting Pickwick at 5.30 p.m.

Slough have included Ravinder Laly, their former Kenyan international striker, in their 16-man squad but he is unlikely to be in the starting line-up. Laly has not played an outdoor match since the game in early November which led to his suspension which now awaits an appeal hearing.

Both Slough and Reading are familiar with the Bisham pitch which they use regularly. Slough, four times winners of the trophy, will start favourites but they have tremendous respect for Nick Taylor, the young Reading goalkeeper.

Edgbaston, in the first round proper for the first time, are unable to stage their home tie against Andover on their own ground and have accepted an invitation from **Bournemouth and West Hants** to play in the south coast resort which remains remarkably clear of snow.

Blackheath problem

Blackheath play most of their home games on the plastic pitch at Southwark Park but even that ground seems likely to be unplayable. Blackheath's second round tie with **St Albans** is yet another to join the list of doubtful starters.

East Grinstead, the cup holders, have no chance of playing on either their grass or shale pitches and yesterday efforts were being made to transfer their first round game against **Hounslow** to the artificial grass at **Feltham**.

"The Feltham pitch has been playable through most of the bad weather but now it is partly covered by snow and ice," said John Grimmer of Hounslow. "Unless there is a massive thaw I can't see the pitch being available."

England's training games threatened

By NANCY TOMKINS

THE England women squads' training is going ahead at Lilieshall National Sports Centre as planned. Jenny Cardwell, the coach, is delighted with the indoor facilities.

But tomorrow's programme of training matches, including Under-21, against Shropshire men's teams is threatened as the artificial turf is icebound.

The County Championship finals postponed last weekend have been rearranged for Abbey Park, Leicester, on March 23 and 24. The original programme stands.

The junior territorial tournament scheduled to begin at Cheltenham Ladies College this afternoon will go ahead unless there is more snow.

Cheetham missing

Elsewhere indoor hockey prevails this weekend. The Midlands Indoor County Championships are being decided at Alfreston tomorrow. Leicestershire, the *defending* champions, are without Mary Cheetham, their indoor and outdoor international.

Staffordshire lose Jane Swinnerton who, like Cheetham, is with the England squads. They have fewer outstanding indoor players than Leicestershire and will find it impossible to replace Swinnerton's zest.

Sheffield, national outdoor club champions, and England's representatives in the European Club Championship First Division, are fund raising with invitation indoor tournaments at Concorde Sports Centre this weekend. York and Poynton are among their opponents today.

The first of two preliminary rounds of the South Clubs Indoor Championship takes place at Guildford tomorrow. The clubs involved are Crawley, Eastcote, Milton Keynes, Oxford Etceteras, Portsmouth and Woking.

PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

ATARI LONDON LGE (2.45).—Guildford v Southgate, Hampstead v Beckenham, Hounslow v Purley, London Univ. v Dulwich, Mid-Surrey v Maidenhead, O. Kingstonians v St Albans, Reading v Blackheath, Slough v Hawks, Spencer v Bromley, Teddington v Cheam, Wimbledon v Tulse Hill.

NORWICH UNION EAST LGE.—Prem. Div.: Bedford v Long Sutton, Bishop's Stortford v Bedford[illegible], Broxbourne v Brentwood, Cambridge C. v Ipswich, Cent. Nomads v Norwich Grasshoppers, Norfolk Wdrs v Fords, St Neots v Harleston Magpies, Westcliff v O. Loughtonians.

SUN LIFE WEST LGE.—Prem. Div.: Bream v Gloucester C., Cheltenham v [illegible] Cricket, Bath Bucs v Isca, Firebrands v Plymouth, Swindon v Bristol, Taunton v Midlands, West Glos. v Marlborough.

SOUTH WALES LGE.—Prem. Div.: Cardiff v Cwmbran, Llanishen v Newport, Swansea v Penarth, Whitchurch A v Whitchurch. Div. 1: Abergavenny v Swansea A, BP Llandarcy v Cardiff A, Ystradmynach v Bridgend, UC Cardiff v Llanishen A.

WOMEN. — Tournament: Junior Territorial (Ladies' Coll., Cheltenham).

TOMORROW

ATARI LONDON LGE (2.45).—London Univ. v Purley, Wimbledon v Guildford.

SOMERSET CUP.—S.-Final: Bream v Weston-s-Mare.

WOMEN. — Tournaments: Junior Territorial (Ladies Coll., Cheltenham), FESTIVAL—Kent Coll., Canterbury.

●Because of the weather, spectators are advised to check with clubs before setting off.

Bath and Wasps escape freeze-up

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

TORBAY should provide an unusual but much appreciated setting for Bath, the John Player Cup holders, and the Wasps, wel-respected title challengers, to gain match practice tomorrow.

Snow and frost have decimated today's programme just a week before the fourth-round cup games, but Bath will go buoyantly to Brixham and the Wasps to Torquay.

Both host clubs said that their pitches were playable yesterday afternoon, which was music to the ears of Wasps and Bath, who won the telephone race to clinch fixtures which were in much demand.

Wasps' scheduled matches against Fylde and Vale of Lune this weekend, on their Lancashire tour, fell to the weather and Alan Black, their coach, said yesterday: "We have kept the training going well but there's nothing like a game."

Melville returns

Nigel Melville, England's captain against Australia last November, will reappear at scrum half after protracted knee problems, having emerged unscathed from the Wasps' training match against Old Gaytonians.

Black told me: "I was with Middlesex in Belfast that night but have say suggests that Nigel looked very good indeed. He played in two of the three half-hour sessions."

Wasps will field five internationals with Melville partnering Huw Davies. Rob Lozowski appearing at centre and Paul Rendall and Maurice Colclough, fit again, in the pack. Weather permitting, the game will be Torquay's second this weekend. Today, they play Devon and Cornwall Police.

Chris Martin, England's full back, will play for Bath, who are taking two teams for matches at Brixham tomorrow. Club selectors and players almost everywhere must be green with envy.

Most of the 16 clubs remaining in the John Player Cup have planned training sessions for this morning, including Moseley, who, from my survey, have played more games this year than any of the other cup contenders.

Newbold-on-Avon optimistically organised a snow-shifting session this morning to safeguard Lichfield's visit today. Harlequins' spies, please note!

Today's Rugby Union programme

Kick-off 3 p.m. unless stated

INTERNATIONALS

France v Scotland (Paris, 2 p.m.)
Wales v England (Postponed) (Cardiff)

CLUB MATCHES

Birkenhead Pk v Broughton Pk
Boroughmuir v Gala
Hawick v Sale
Heriots FP v Selkirk
Jedforest v Preston Grasshoppers
Kelso v Kilmarnock
Launceston v Camborne
Leicester v Orrell
Melrose v Edinburgh Acads
Morley v Durham Univ. (2.30)
Northern v W. of Scotland (2.30)
Oxford Univ. v Oxford (2.30)
Redruth v Plymouth A
Roundhay v Hartlepool R.
Sheffield v Kendal
Waterloo v Harrogate (2.45)
Watsonians v Stewarts Mel FP
Wilmslow v Middlesbrough

CANCELLED

Fylde v Wasps
Glamorgan Wdrs v Cambridge Univ.
Glasgow Acads v Ayr
Headingley v Harlequins
L. Irish v West Hartlepool
L. Scottish v Bedford
Loughborough Stdts v Nuneaton
Lydney v Birmingham
Met. Police v Sidcup
Rugby v Cheltenham

LONDON & SOUTH EAST

Esher v Bedford Ath, Bournemouth v Gordon Lee, Camberley v Cheshunt Pk, Chelmsford v Finchley, Ealing v Richmond Saxons, Folkestone v Abbey, Guy's Hosp v Brunel, Leighton Buzzard v Aylesbury, Lewes v Crowborough, Marlow v Hendon.

Newbury v O. Paulines, North Walsham v [illegible], O. Emanuel v Maidstone, Rosslyn Pk v Bedford, Slough v Windsor, Southend v Henley, Streatham v O. Gaytonians, Univ. Vandals v [illegible], US Portsmouth v O. Mid-Whitgiftians, Worthing v O. Mid-Whitgiftians.

LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE.—St Mary's Hosp v Esher.

[illegible] OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE.—Guildford v Cranleigh v Salisbury, High Wycombe v Maidenhead.

EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE.—O. Westcliffians v Brentwood.

EAST NORFOLK LGE. — [illegible] v Diss, Pottersfield v Wymondham.

HERTS MERIT TABLE.—[illegible] v [illegible], O. Albanians v Hertford, Tring v Letchworth GC.

[illegible] KENT MERIT TABLE.—Beckenham v Tonbridge.

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE.—Chichester v Burgess Hill, Seaford v Hove, Sussex Police v East Grinstead.

TRUMAN MERIT TABLE.—KCS OB v O. Hamptonians, Alleynians v Cranleigh [illegible], [illegible] v [illegible] OB, [illegible] v Reigatians, Whitgiftians v Ruislip[illegible].

MIDLANDS

CARLING MERIT TABLE.—Derby v Wolverhampton, Hinckley v Solihull, Newbold v Lichfield.

BANKS'S STEWARDS MERIT TABLE.—[illegible] v Camp Hill, Kettering v Sutton Coldfield, [illegible] v [illegible].

[illegible] OF ENGLAND MERIT TABLE.—[illegible] v [illegible] moorland.

CLUB MATCHES. — [illegible] v King's Norton, Barker's Butts v Bedworth, Birmingham v [illegible], [illegible] v [illegible], Davenport v Burton-on-Trent, Dixonians v Nuneaton OE, Dudley Kingswinford v Worcester, Keresley v Evesham, Loughborough v Stockwood Pk.

Matlock (Bakewell) v Coventry Welsh, Peterborough v Loughborough Univ., Sandbach v Trentham, Stafford v Aakeaps, Stourbridge v Newport (Sa.op), Stratford v Banbury.

SOUTH WEST

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE.—Hayle v St Ives, Launceston v Camborne, Penryn v Falmouth, St Austell v Newquay Hornets.

DEVON MERIT TABLE.—Bideford v Brixham, Sidmouth v Paignton, Teignmouth v Newton Abbot, Honiton v Ivybridge, Plymouth Argaum v Kingsbridge, South Molton v Cullompton.

SOUTH & SOUTH WEST MERIT TABLE.—Redruth v Plymouth Albion.

CLUB MATCHES. — Okehampton v Exeter Univ., Exeter, Penzance-Newlyn v Devonport Servs, Plymouth A. Exeter v Wellington, Truro v Devon & Cornwall Police.

WEST

BASS MERIT TABLE. — Avon & [illegible] v [illegible], Weston-s-Mare, Clifton v Taunton, [illegible] v Bristol.

CLUB MATCHES.—Cheltenham CS v Cheltenham North, Cheltenham [illegible] v Rugby, [illegible], Cinderford v Frome, Gloucester [illegible] v Moseley [illegible], Lydney v Bromsgrove, Midsomer Norton v Hornets, O. Bristolians v Chard, O. Redcliffians v [illegible], Tredworth v Bishopston, Yatton v Bridgwater [illegible].

WALES

Barry v Howells, Bridgend v Swansea [illegible], Cardiff HSOB v Grasshoppers, Rhiwbina v [illegible], [illegible] v [illegible], [illegible] v Bracknell.

SCHOOLS

Emanuel v Rosslyn Pk Colts, Gunnersbury v St Edmund's, Ware, John Fisher v Hampton, Lichfield Friary v Abbot Beyne, Portsmouth GS v St Brendan's.

TOMORROW

CLUB MATCHES. — Newbridge v Treorchy, Northampton v Coventry, Wakefield v Morley (2.15), Brixham v Bath (2 p.m.), Torquay A.h v Wasps (2.30).

MIDDLESEX CUP: — Qtr-final: Saracens v Met Police (2.30).

GREENE KING ESSEX CUP.—S.-Final: East London v Harlow.

HAMPSHIRE CUP.—S.-Finals: Alton v Havant, Eastleigh v Rushmoor.

SURREY CUP.—S.-Final: Guildford & Godalming v Esher (O. Rutlishians RFC).

OTHER MATCHES.—John Fisher OB v O. Paulians (2.30), Truro v Cornwall Junior Grp.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER CH'SHIPS (3).—Halifax v Barrow.

TOMORROW

SILK CUT CUP.—1st Rd (3): Bradford N. v Swinton, Bramley v Hull [illegible], [illegible] v Hunslet (3.30), [illegible] (12.30), Oldham [illegible], E. v Warrington, Whitehaven v Widnes, Featherstone v Batley, Wakefield v Dewsbury (2.30), Rochdale H. v York.

SLALOM LAGER CH'SHIP.—Hull v St Helens, Leeds v Hull KR.

Division [illegible]: [illegible] v Fulham, Runcorn H. v Doncaster.

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Cricket

Downton may be asked to open with Fowler

By MICHAEL CAREY in Melbourne

SOMEWHERE amid the firework displays, military band parades, gymnastics and parachute jumps, England meet Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground tomorrow in the opening game of the self-styled World Championship of Cricket.

Those who associate the game they love with chaps in cream chasing a red ball and cucumber sandwiches on the village green perhaps ought not to read on for fear of ruining their breakfasts.

For this 21-day Charivari involving seven countries and 13 ties at two venues threatens to take cricket closer to the circus arena than ever before—even in Australia.

The nearest to a ringmaster, perhaps, will be the Australian Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, who will toss the coin. Two white balls per *innings* will be used, both sides will be in *not-so-glorious* technicolour (England in blue, *Australia green and yellow*) and a crowd of around 70,000 is expected to see Melbourne's new floodlights **switched** on for the first time.

Civilised travel

A gold trophy engraved simply "The Benson and Hedges Cup" has been designed by a Sydney artist. The winners will receive around £23,000, depending on the state of sterling at the time, and all concerned will be thankful that travel between Sydney and Melbourne is largely a highly civilised, uncomplicated business.

Before they could set up a practice session yesterday, the England party had to postpone a bat-autographing session arranged for them by the sponsors.

Both they and Australia will have the opportunity to practise under the new lights tonight and while Allan Border's team have two serious injury worries, England's main concern will be the balance of their side, which they are not likely to name until tomorrow.

They are contemplating using Paul Downton as an opener which would enable Chris Cowdrey to appear at No. 6, where his aggression from the middle of the innings onwards—as seen during his 46 from 42 balls in Nagpur—would be valuable.

Unlucky Moxon

Though Cowdrey was apparently picked for the tour with half an eye on one-day matches, his bowling has not been accurate enough to make him an automatic choice over Ellison or Agnew, both of whom seem likely to do the seam bowling with Cowans to the exclusion of Foster.

If this proves to be what the selectors have in mind, the heart will bleed more than a little for Moxon, who played extremely well for his 70 in his only one-day appearance in India, while nobody knows how effective his bowling is because it has not been seen.

Of the rest of England's attack, Edmonds is nursing a slight ankle injury but seems likely to play along with Marks. Regulations permit only five fielders on the leg side, so Marks will have to operate with a split field and bowl to a line perhaps farther outside off stump than would be the case in England.

As in England, field placings are governed by a circle 30 yards from the bat. The difference here is that during the first 15 overs of the 50-over innings only two fielders may be outside and of those inside, two must be stationary within 15 yards of the bat.

After 15 overs, four fielders must remain inside the circle, as in one-day competitions at home. Sides failing to bowl their overs without good reason face penalties, which start at $A50 (£35) per player deducted from prize money for each over unbowled.

All teams have until noon tomorrow to name their 14-strong squads. Thus Pakistan are waiting to hear how Imran Khan has fared for New South Wales in today's one-day final against South Australia, while Australia's two worries concern their openers, Steve Smith and Graeme Wood.

Though followers of Wood's exploits will find it hard to believe, it was their running between the wickets that played a large part in Australia's making 271 from 50 overs against the West Indies fast bowlers in the second World Series final last week—a total they were unable to defend.

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Smith broke a finger on his right hand in that match. He has had a steel pin inserted and it may not be flexible enough for him to play. Wood damaged his wrist in the last final but on returning played the West Indies bowlers rather better with one hand than some recent batsmen have with two and seems likely to be passed fit.

Finally, as a reminder for those shivering at home that the Australians will be there to defend the Ashes this summer, the Australian Cricket Board held a rooftop lunch in Melbourne yesterday—under a hot sun and cloudless skies—to announce that the Queensland brewery, Castlemaine, would be sponsoring the side on tour.

Each player will be required to make 12 personal appearances at English hostelries selling the product in question; not, I might add, that previous Australian tourists have ever needed any financial inducements to visit such establishments.

DEADLINE WORRY IN AUCKLAND

BOTH New Zealand and Pakistan will play their fourth and final one-day international in Auckland today with one eye on the scoreboard and the other on the clock.

The two teams are due to catch a flight to Melbourne 30 minutes after the scheduled finish so that they can attend tomorrow's official opening parade for the World Championship of Cricket one-day series.

New Zealand, who won the three-Test series 2-0 and lead 2-0 in the one-day games, must be favourites.

All-rounder Lance Cairns, struck on the head by a ball in the third Test which New Zealand won on Thursday will not play, but the home team will be buoyed by the knowledge that they have never lost an international one-day match at Eden Park.

A hospital spokesman said Cairns had not suffered a fractured skull as had been feared earlier but had concussion. "The blow he took has disturbed his balance and he has been suffering from dizziness," the spokesman said.

It is still uncertain whether Cairns will take any part in the World Championship.

NEW ZEALAND (from)—G. Howarth, J. Wright, J. Reid, M. Crowe, J. Crowe, J. Coney, P. McEwan, R. Hadlee, I. Smith, M. Snedden, J. Bracewell, B. Bracewell, E. Chatfield.

PAKISTAN.—Javed Miandad, Qasim Omar, Mudassar Nazar, Zaheer Abbas, Salim Malik, Rameez Raja, Wasim Raja, Anil Dalpat, Rashid Khan, Tahir Naqqash, Wasim Akram.

NEW ZEALAND'S WEST INDIES ITINERARY

New Zealand will play four Tests and five one-day internationals on their cricket tour of West Indies starting on March 15.

March 15-17: Shell Award XI, Jamaica.
20: One-day international, Antigua.
22-24: Ur-23 XI, St Kitts.
27: One-day international, Trinidad.
29-April 3: First Test, Trinidad.
April 6-11: Second Test, Guyana.
14: One-day international, Guyana.
17: One-day international, Trinidad.
19-21: President's XI, St Lucia.
23: One-day international, Barbados.
26-May 1: Third Test, Barbados.
4-9: Fourth Test, Jamaica.

Broad hits top form again

By A Special Correspondent in Harare

CHRIS BROAD is the man in form during the early days of the English counties tour of Zimbabwe.

Playing against the national side in Harare yesterday the Nottinghamshire Test batsman scored 64 to add to his unbeaten 111 in the opening one-day match against Country Districts on Wednesday.

Broad and Neil Williams, of Middlesex (57 not out), together with Gloucestershire's Phil Bainbridge (46) were mainly responsible for taking the score to 281 for nine at the close.

This relatively low score in a day's play can be attributed to an extremely slow outfield and only lofted shots reached the boundary fence.

Broad needed a runner after pulling a muscle and Richard Williams (Northants) left the crease for a while with a strained back.

These problems, though minor, must cause Mike Vockins, the manager, some anxieties so early in the tour as he only has 14 players at his disposal.

ENGLISH COUNTIES.—First Innings: 281-9 (C. Broad 64, N. Williams 57 not, P. Bainbridge 46, R. Williams 33; P. Rawson 3-88, I. Burchart 2-50).

TEST AVERAGES IN N. ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND

Batting

	I	NO	HS	R	Av
J. F. Reid	5	1	158*	333	83.25
J. V. Coney	5	2	111*	[illegible]	[illegible]
M. D. Crowe	5	0	84	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. J. Hadlee	4	0	89	151	[illegible]
J. G. Wright	5	0	66	[illegible]	[illegible]
I. D. S. Smith	4	0	65	[illegible]	[illegible]
B. L. Cairns	4	1	[illegible]	83	27.66
G. P. Howarth	5	0	33	103	20.60
J. J. Crowe	5	1	30	59	14.75
S. L. Boock	2	0	10	10	5.00
E. J. Chatfield	4	4	21*	27	—

Also batted: B. P. Bracewell 3, 4.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av
R. J. Hadlee	118.5	29	310	16	19.37
S. L. Boock	[illegible]	23	127	6	21.16
E. J. Chatfield	108	31	324	9	36.00
B. L. Cairns	120.2	18	305	10	30.50

Also bowled: B. P. Bracewell 35-3-129-4; J. V. Coney 10-2-23-1.

Fielding: 9—Smith. 5—M. D. Crowe. 4—J. J. Crowe. 3—Boock, Cairns, Coney, Wright. 2—Reid. 1—Substitute.

PAKISTAN

Batting

	I	NO	HS	R	Av
Qasim Omar	5	0	96	248	49.60
Mudassar	5	0	89	252	[illegible]
Salim Malik	5	1	66	116	29.00
Javed Miandad	5	0	79	138	27.60
Mohsin Khan	5	0	40	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abdul Qadir	3	0	54	64	21.33
Anil Dalpat	5	0	21	65	13.00
Wasim Raja	3	0	14	29	9.66
Wasim Akram	4	3	8*	9	9.00
Azeem Hafeez	5	0	17	37	7.40
Zaheer Abbas	4	0	12	24	6.00

Also batted: Iqbal Qasim 27*; Rashid Khan 0, 37; Shoaib Mohammad 7; Tahir Naqqash 0, 11.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av
Wasim Akram	93.4	21	255	19	13.42
Azeem Hafeez	163	40	484	12	40.33

Also bowled: Abdul Qadir 21-14-[illegible]; Iqbal Qasim 57-13-124-4; Javed Miandad [illegible]; Mudassar Nazar [illegible]; Rashid Khan 32-9-[illegible]; Salim Malik [illegible]; Shoaib Mohammad [illegible]; Tahir Naqqash [illegible]; Wasim Raja 5-0-[illegible].

Fielding: [illegible]

* Not out.

Wides and no-balls have been debited to bowlers' analyses.

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By DENIS LOWE

Blackburn Rovers ... 0 Manchester Utd ... 2

MANCHESTER UNITED became the first club to reach the last eight in this season's F A Cup competition when early and late goals by their impressive midfield players, Gordon Strachan and Paul McGrath, ended Blackburn's challenge in last night's televised fifth-roundtie. United could even afford another missed penalty by Strachan.

United made the best possible start with a goal after six minutes, the 18th of the season for Strachan, their Scottish international midfielder and leading scorer.

Strachan was quick to react when Rathbone, left with ample time to clear Whiteside's header, dwelt on the ball 20 yards out and saw it roll away from his feet.

Rathbone held his hands to his head as Strachan pounced to float a splendid shot over Gennoe from the edge of the box.

Blackburn reacted with runs by Brotherston and Thompson but Moran, who had passed a test on a knee strain, and Gidman defended stubbornly, using first-time methods to clear their lives.

Tricky bounce

On a hard, but flat pitch, the bounce of the ball was decidedly tricky but Bailey, recalled in United's goal after missing four games through illness and injury, dealt with a couple of awkward situations as Blackburn, prompted by Miller and Rendell, pushed forward.

Moses, working furiously, was prominent as United used the long ball to advantage but Hughes and Whiteside were tightly marked and Branagan came to Blackburn's rescue when Olsen was well placed.

Gennoe had to recover smartly when Keeley mistimed a back-pass to his goalkeeper, and as play swung once more, Bailey produced a brave and agile save to deny Blackburn in the 40th minute.

Blackburn, who hve not been on peak form recently, despite topping the Second Division, opened the second half strongly only to see Moses nd Hogg make timely interceptions in a crowded goalmouth.

United's first-time tackling did much to hold up Blackburn at this stage.

Cheered on by a 22,692 near capacity crowd, Blackburn saw Hogg go close from Strachan's corner and then surged forward for Bailey to take a Miller cross away from the challenging Quinn.

Tireless play

Dominant play by McGrath, who covered ground tirelessly in midfield and attack, frustrated Blackburn on several occasions and Blackburn, looking for fresh ideas up front, sent on Garner for Thompson in 65 minutes.

Albison, who had to stick close to the nippy Miller, cleared hurriedly from Quinn and United, with their narrow lead, lived somewhat dangerously. Gennoe had a close call, though, when Hughes showed pace and control to burst between two defenders, but the Welsh striker drove into the side netting when another visiting goal looked likely.

Moran tidied up a rare Bailey misjudgment when Barker chipped into the middle and Bailey made an important save in the 70th minute when he held Quinn's header at pointblank range from Brotherston's centre.

Chances now came more readily, and Strachan, bursting through the middle, saw a shot blocked by Gennoe's legs. Seconds later, Blackburn's best chance so far went astray, when Garner blazed over when unchallenged from Brotherston's pass.

Strachan missed a penalty in the 82nd minute—his fourth failure in 13 attempts this season—after Gennoe had fouled Hughes, but United were assured of victory with a second goal in the 87th minute. McGrath, appearing to lose control after a determined run, forced the ball home off Gennoe's legs.

Blackburn Rovers.—Gennoe; Branagan, Rathbone, Barker, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Randell, Thompson, Quinn, Brotherston.

Manchester United.—Bailey; Gidman, Albiston, Moses, Moran, Hogg, McGrath, Strachan, Hughes, Whiteside, Olsen.

Mark Hughes . . . close to settling the match before McGrath made his point.

York players, from left, Alan Hay, Alan Pearce, Brian Chippendale and Mike Astbury train on their straw-covered pitch as they prepare for the F A Cup fifth round tie against League champions Liverpool at Bootham Crescent

Fixture chaos, if thaw is delayed

By MICHAEL CALVIN

FOOTBALL, almost brought to a standstill by the elements, faces further fixture chaos if the eagerly awaited thaw does not arrive soon.

Five of today's scheduled F A Cup matches have been re-arranged for next week. But if the cold snap persists it is unlikely that they will be staged before next month.

International calls preclude the possibility of any games being played during the week starting Feb. 25, when England, Northern Ireland and Scotland are in World Cup action.

An F A spokesman admitted: "We are looking at March 4 for the fifth-round ties if the weather beats us again next week"—and with the quarter-finals due to be played on March 9 he added, with feeling, "We are keeping our fingers crosed."

Saturday date

Ipswich, the biggest victims of the freeze because of their involvement in both domestic Cup competitions, have been helped by some much-needed administrative foresight.

The first leg of their much delayed Milk Cup semi final against Norwich will now be staged at Portman Road next Saturday.

The Football League sanctioned the postponement of their respective First Division matches, and the second leg will take place at Carrow Road on Wednesday, March 6.

Bobby Ferguson, the Ipswich manager, reflected the views many of his frustrated colleagues by saying: "I just want to get playing again as soon as possible."

Spur of success

Chelsea's determination to play host to Newcastle, reflected by a £10,000 investment in industrial heaters and a 30-strong temporary groundstaff, is linked to their desire for Milk Cup success.

If the game goes ahead as expected David Speedie will have served his suspension before the visit of Sunderland to Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

But Ian McNeill, Chelsea's assistant manager, stressed: "Although we are near to Wembley, we don't intend to lose sight of the fact that winning would also help our other priority—getting into Europe."

Brendan O'Callaghan, a £45,000 signing from Stoke, makes his debut in the Oldham attack at home to Cardiff, while Crystal Palace rely on the side which defeated Oxford for their trip to Huddersfield.

NICHOLAS FUTURE IN DOUBT

THE future of Charlie Nicholas, Arsenal's enigmatic Scottish international forward, remained in doubt last night.

His response to speculation that he is about to ask for a transfer failed to alter the impression that he is unsettled at Highbury.

Reflecting on his recent relegation to substitute, he admitted: "When you are out of the team it always goes through your mind that you would like a move.

"I have no plans to ask for a transfer at the moment—I certainly haven't asked the boss the question—but it is a frustrating situation. You think about your future every day."

Don Howe, the Arsenal manager, is understandably upset by the public debate about Nicholas' fate. But he pointedly refused to give a direct answer when asked whether he wanted the £750,000 striker to stay.

"If Charlie does ask for a transfer I shall treat him just the same as any other player," he said. "I have left him out of the team recently because he has been inconsistent. It is up to him to get back to his best form and force me to pick him."

MICHAEL CALVIN

GATTING HOLD-UP

Steve Gatting, Brighton's former Arsenal defender, has been told by a specialist not to make a comeback until the beginning of March. He has had a serious pelvic strain.

ORIENT SIGNING

Orient have signed striker Ian Juryeff, 22, from Southampton, for a small fee. He had a spell on loan with Mansfield last season and scored five goals in 12 games.

SURGE BRINGS LOSS

Third Division Bristol Rovers blame a failed attempt at promotion for a loss last year of £67,194 which doubled their overdraft to £190,144.

League's threat to televised Cup ties

THE Football League will come under pressure to prevent clubs from appearing in televised F A Cup matches next season if their games are not covered by a new television agreement, writes Michael Calvin.

The hints from BBC and ITV negotiators that they would be satisfied with screening only F A Cup, European and international matches has strengthened the sense of militancy at club level.

League regulation 18 states that clubs must have the consent of the League Management Committee before they participate in any televised match except the FA Cup Final.

Thursday's meeting of the 92 club chairman, which gave a new negotiating committee scope to push for more money for fewer live matches, agreed to allow any English club to compete in a televised European game.

There is an understandable reluctance to be drawn into a confrontation with the Football Association but Jack Dunnett, the League's president, confirmed: "We have the power to stop clubs appearing."

The F A are negotiating a new two-year deal for F A Cup ties and Wembley internationals and Ted Croker, their secretary, stressed that regulation 18 had never been invoked.

"We consider very carefully the issues which influence the League clubs in making their decisions, but we are independent," he said. "The great pity is that an issue such as this tends to get very emotive.

"Television is good for football and football is good for television. We must hope commonsense prevails and there are no major confrontations over the matter."

STORTON BANKS ON SLIPS

TELFORD UNITED, confronted by the biggest challenge in their 108-year history, attempt to take their F A Cup run into the realms of fantasy at Goodison Park today, writes **Michael Calvin.**

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, has taken steps to prevent his players being lulled into a false sense of security by the prospect of playing a side from the Gola League.

He calls them "one of the best non-League sides I've watched" but Stan Storton, manager of a Telford team containing six Merseysiders, forecast: "Some of the Everton lads will underestimate us."

The last non-League side to defeat the F A Cup holders were Tottenham, who were in the Southern League when they eliminated Bury in 1911.

More than 10,000 fans will travel north in the distant hope that Telford will repeat that feat and the underdogs have been strengthened by the return of Colin Williams, the unemployed plumber who is their leading scorer.

But the size of their task cannot be over-stated. Everton have conceded only one goal in their last 10 F A Cup matches and Peter Reid's recovery from a hamstring injury ensures they will be at full strength.

Liverpool will field the side which overwhelmed Arsenal in midweek if their fifth round tie at **York** survives a 9.45 pitch inspection.

Peter Willis, the referee, reported that the pitch, covered by straw overnight, is "hard, flat and difficult" but Joe Fagan, the Liverpool manager, expects his team to be professional enough to adapt to the conditions.

York, who accept that their best chance is to concentrate on stealing a narrow victory, are hopeful that Keith Houchen, Keith Walwyn and Steve Senior will pass late fitness tests.

Penalty 'no' to Grobbelaar

By TREVOR WILLIAMSON

Bruce Grobbelaar, Liverpool's goalkeeper, remembered well the last time he faced York City.

On May 3, 1980, he was playing his last match for Crewe in the Fourth Division, before leaving for Canada.

They were leading 1-0 and were awarded a penalty. Grobbelaar was given the job and he duly scored to give Alexandra a 2-0 victory.

However, Joe Fagan, Liverpool's manager, when asked yesterday if his flamboyant goalkeeper would take any penalty awarded against York in today's F A Fifth Round Cup-tie at Bootham Crescent, said crisply: "No."

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVES AT TOOTING

By NEIL SCOTT

Tooting now have one manager, Billy Edwards, instead of two, following the resignation of Dave Juneman, who has given up because of business pressure, after partnering Mr Edwards for 14 months.

With the departure of Mr Juneman, a company manager, Mr Edwards will be assisted by Ray Thorn, Tooting's youth team manager, and Les Briley, captain of Millwall, who helps out in his spare time.

If **Tooting's** Servowarm Isthmian match at Hitchin goes ahead today, Barry Friend will make his first appearance in midfield since rejoining from Carshalton.

Crucial games

Four of the top five Isthmian teams are due to meet in matches which could have a decisive influence on the Premier Division championship.

Dulwich, in third place, are home to **Sutton**, the leaders, and they may recall Desmond Dennis in midfield, following his recovery from injury. There is an 11 a.m. inspection at Champion Hill.

Hayes, lying second, face **Walthamstow**, the team in fourth place, if their Church Road pitch passes an inspection at 10 a.m. today.

Terry Glynn, who has scored four goals in six games since joining **Slough** from **Dartford**, is included in the team to play **Billericay**. Colin Tate, with 10 goals, is another danger man, but first the Slough pitch must pass an inspection at 11 a.m.

Lawn Tennis

Determined Lloyd faces Navratilova

By JOHN PARSONS in Delray Beach

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA and Chris Lloyd meet for the 63rd time in the final of the Lipton International Players' Championships in Delray Beach today. They have won 31 times each but for the first occasion since December 1982 Mrs Lloyd is not afraid of the prospect.

Mrs Lloyd, after playing her way out of trouble with typical persistence and resilience in a superb opening set to beat Steffi Graf, 15, 6-4, 6-2, said: "Beating Martina last time has made all the difference.

"I still have great respect for her and she's still No. 1. I don't mean to take anything away from her. But as far as my mental approach is concerned I'm not dreading it as I have done in the past."

Between the Australian Open in 1982 and Key Biscayne, just down the road from here in her native Florida, Mrs Lloyd was beaten 13 consecutive times by Miss Navratilova, winning only three sets in the process.

Negative attitude

"During that time I tended to go into the matches with a negative mind," she added. "For instance, I'd be thinking more about how many games I might get than if I could really win the match. I'd love to play again like I did at Key Biscayne."

With the absence of John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors being exaggerated by the defeat of other players with charisma in the men's singles, this new major event needs a showpiece women's final, and expectations are high.

The compelling tussle with Miss Graf was ideal preparation for Mrs Lloyd, especially the 63-minute first set, which was full of positive marathon rallies, including one set point which the West German saved on the 52nd stroke.

Miss Graf, demonstrating remarkable control and consistency for one so young, just like Mrs Lloyd and the watching Tracy Austin at the same age, led 4-1, held two points for 5-2, one for 5-3 and another for a break to 5-4, making the second seed work furiously.

Key calls

Though she took eight successive games from 1-4 in the first set to 3-0 in the second Mrs Lloyd, also benefiting from several friendly-looking line calls on key points, needed to be in her most determined mood to establish the initiative over a youngster of whom she said: "She's got a great future ahead of her."

Miss Graf has weaknesses on the service and has only just started venturing to the net but her ground strokes, in particular her sliced backhand, are highly impressive and she could easily prove one of the major new stars of 1985.

The British umpire, Dr Marc Cox, from Nottingham, will be in charge of the Lloyd-Navratilova match.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Semi-finals: C. Lloyd bt S. Graf (W Germany) 6-4, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Semi-finals: K. Warwick (Australia) & S. Stewart bt H. Leconte & Y. Noah (France) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. C. van Rensburg (S. Africa) & P. Aldrich bt D. Graham (Australia) & G. Donnelly 7-5, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

BATES IS BEATEN BY SWEDE

By BILL EDWARDS

FOUR finals and four defeats. That is the record of Jeremy Bates at Matchpoint, Bramhall, Cheshire, so it is little wonder he believes these courts hold a jinx for him.

His first three defeats were by Peter Lundgren and the latest was by another Swede, Stefan Eriksson, who beat him 6-4, 6-2 in the last of the Satellite tournaments yesterday.

The top 16 players now go forward to contest the Masters at the David Lloyd Centre, Heston, on Monday.

"Eriksson was a different player to when I beat him at Telford last week," said Bates. "I took the court knowing what I had to do, but it didn't work. He was so different."

Worked harder

Eriksson said: "I don't as a rule lose to the same player twice in a row. Last week I was content to have reached the final, but this time I was working much harder."

This was Eriksson's second revenge victory, for in the semi-finals he beat Lundgren, who had won their previous encounter.

Bates was going well in the opening set and an early break gave him a 3-1 lead. He failed to consolidate the situation and lost the next four games after holding a point for a 4-2 lead.

Game blossomed

Eriksson was now beginning to out-hit him and the long ninth game, in which Bates held an advantage point, was possibly the key to the match. Bates lost this and the Swede served out for the set.

It was beginning to look ominous for Bates and suddenly he was 3-1 down in the second set. Although he won the next game, Bates was demoralised and scored only two further points.

SINGLES FINAL.— S. Eriksson (Sweden) bt J. Bates 6-4 6-2.

DOUBLES FINAL.—M. Albert & J. Vekemans (Holland) bt D. Felgate (GB) D. Maasdorp (S. Africa) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Ski-ing

BUERGLER'S TRIUMPH

Switzerland's Thomas Buergler upstaged three Alpine ski-ing superstars to win the men's World Cup giant slalom in Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia yesterday.

He left behind his compatriot, Pirmin Zurbriggen, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, and the legendary Swede, Ingemar Stenmark, who were second, third and fourth respectively.

Buergler wove down the icy piste, which dropped 340 metres, and through the 46 gates in a combined time of 2min 10·21sec—0·01 of a second ahead of Zurbriggen.

Best season

In his fourth year in the Swiss team, Buergler is having by far his best season. He won the combination bronze medal at the Bormio World Championships this month and the World Cup giant slalom at Schladming in Austria last month.

Afterwards he paid tribute to Zurbriggen. "He is superb," he said. "I would not have thought that he could ski so well after so many strenuous victories this year.

"But Zurbriggen is a real ace, and he will have no trouble winning the cup."

WORLD CUP GIANT SLALOM.— T. Buergler (Switzerland), 2 min 10·21 sec. 1; P. Zurbriggen (Switzerland), 2-10·22. 2; M. Girardelli (Luxembourg), 2-10·42. 3.

OVERALL.— Girardelli, 195pts. 1; Zurbriggen, 83. 2; Buergler, 83. 3.

Fencing

Guenigaults are in contention

By BILL MEREDITH

The Slough Open at the Montem Sports Centre has attracted some 150 fencers this weekend. Competition will be over two days, and Graham Guenigault, of Crawley, will defend his men's foil title.

His main rival may well be his younger brother, Michael, who was runner-up last year after a thrilling final which he lost 8-10.

Crawford challenge

Jackie Erwteman, of Hammersmith, will not defend in the women's foil, which could be very open, with Nicky Crawford, who has made quite a name for herself in the south, well in contention.

This year there will also be an epee competition, and Ian Morgan, the former Army champion and now fencing out of London Thames, will surely stake a strong claim for honours.

Swimming

SARAH IS SOON ON TARGET

By PAT BESFORD

SARAH HARDCASTLE easily won the first two of her nine-event target at the Godwin swimming meeting at Barnet Copthall last night. Although no records came her way, she won two radio recorders in 25 minutes.

Miss Hardcastle, 15, of Southend, romped away with the 800 metres—the event in which she took the bronze medal at the Los Angeles Olympics—finishing 20 metres ahead of Karen Mellor, of Norwich.

There was just time for her to dry off, don a tracksuit and walk up for her victory ceremony before stepping back immediately for the start of the 200 metres medley.

Chased by Hill

She was chased over the breast-stroke leg by Jean Hill, of Larkhall, but kicked her way to victory on freestyle to win by three metres.

Miss Harcastle said: "I had not been looking for a record in the 800 metres, but had hoped to get close to the British junior medley figures set by Sharron Davies in 1978.

"But I think the medley was too close to the long race for me to have a real chance and I didn't seem to get settled into my stroke."

Her winning times were eight minute s 35·55 seconds and 2·19·02. Miss Hill, an Olympic 100 metres breast-stroke finalist, was delighted by her second place medley effort.

Scottish record

Her 2·20·83 was a Scottish record and afterwards she said: "I'm really surprised. I was swimming rubbish at meetings in Holland and France a few weeks ago and never expected to do so well here."

Miss Hardcastle put up her best ever 100 metres freestyle time of 59·31 seconds in going through to the final. She was equal second best with Stephanie Watson, of Scotland, with Caroline Foot, of Millfield, heading the qualifiers with 58·05.

MEN

FREESTYLE.— 400m: C. Chalmers (Canada) 3min 55·42s. 1; S. Flowers (Canada) 3-58·52. 2; C. Bowie (Canada) 3-59·77. 3.

BUTTERFLY.— 100m: V. Carey (Canada) 54·97. 1; B. Ansell (Canada) 57·37. 2; C. Lamy (Canada) 57·54. 3.

WOMEN

FREESTYLE.— 800m: S. Hardcastle (Southend) 8-35·55. 1; K. Mellor (Norwich) 8-45·59. 2; S. Frisby (Canada) 8-45·69. 3.

MEDLEY.— 200m: Hardcastle 2-19·02. 1; J. Hill (Scotland) 2-20·83 (Scottish record) 2; S. Marre (Canada) 2-23·64. 3.

Sarah Hardcastle shows her breast-stroke style on her way to winning the 200 metres individual medley at Barnet last night.

Badminton

England provide fitting finish for Ciniglio

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in Ikast

ENGLAND reasserted their claim to being Europe's leading badminton nation by winning the triangular international in Ikast, Denmark, yesterday, beating Sweden 5-2 and taking a 4-1 winning lead against Denmark, their great rivals.

It was an appropriate finish to Ciro Ciniglio's highly successful five years in charge and was set up by a win from Steve Baddeley, the England joint No. 1, who has been the manager's right-hand man through so many campaigns.

Baddeley won 15-7, 15-6 against Michael Kjeldsen, promoted to the top singles position only when Morten Frost, the world No. 1, withdrew with a bad back, but who reached the All-England semi-finals last year and the Japan Open semi-finals last month.

That success was followed by more predictable wins for Nick Yates, England's other joint No. 1, over Torben Carlsen and Martin Dew and Gillian Gilks, the All-England mixed doubles champions, over Steen Fladberg and Gitte Paulsen.

Rackets

VETERANS IN LAST EIGHT

By BOB McLEAN

The Tonbridge rackets connection, led again by Richard Gracey and Martin Smith, was out in force at Queen's Club last night in the Celestion Amateur Doubles.

The two veterans reached the quarter-finals after beating Tom Brudenell and David Buck-Keene and proved once again that if the pace is not too hot they are still a match for anyone.

Gracey, headmaster of Hilden Grange prep school in Tonbridge, and Smith, a Guildford physician, won in four games and now face the promising James Male and Julian Snow.

Close behind them come another Tonbridge partnership, Jonathon Spurling and Kent cricketer Graham Cowdrey, who also had an impressive opening win against Charles May and David Drayson, the Carthusian pair.

3RD RD.—R. M. K. Gracey & M. G. M. Smith bt T. Brudenell & D. Buck-Keene 15-8, 15-10, 16-8, 15-3; G. Cowdrey & J. Spurling bt D. Drayson & C. May 15-3, 15-6, 15-1, 15-0; M. W. & P. C. Nicholls bt G. J. McDonald & A. White 15-1, 15-9, 15-2, 15-7; G. Atkins & T. Pugh bt R. Hollington & F. Satow 15-9, 15-2, 6-15, 15-11, 15-2.

Angling

COD RISE TO SPRAT BAIT

By DEREK FLETCHER

The outlook might be bleak for some sports, but not for sea-anglers. With sprat shoals on the move in the south the week-end prospects are good for cod and whiting.

Both species are feeding on sprats, and it was a legered sprat which lured a 22lb cod yesterday for Richard Long, of Sutton, Surrey, fishing in the Solent.

A visitor from Ireland, Pat Brennan of Athlone, cut sprats in thin strips to catch a bag of nine good-sized whiting off Swanage.

In the north-west, sweet-tasting whiting are being caught off Anglesey and Fleetwood. The best bet for northern anglers is for codling in the Scarborough area, with Jackson's Bay as a hot-spot. Redcar beach is also yielding codling at night.

Expect large cod off Swanage during the weekend if it is not too rough for boat-fishing. Clusters of lugworms will help hit into the big ones. Recent catches include fish of 25lb and 19lb by local fireman, Neil Jenkins.

Bobsleighs

EAST GERMANS HOLD THE KEY

East German's Wolfgang Hoppe and Dietmar Schauerhammer will start strong favourites for the European two-man bobsleigh championship in St Moritz this weekend.

The East German pair were in a class of their own when they took the gold at the two-man World championships in Cervinia, Italy, last month and their closest competition could come from compatriots Detlef Richter and Steffan Grunt, silver medallists in Cervinia.

The Soviet Union's Sintis Ekmanis and Nikolai Tschitow, bronze medallists in Cervinia, are also expected to perform well.

Cup & League matches

(Kick-off 3 p.m. unless stated)

F A CUP—5th Rd

— Everton v Telford U.
1 Ipswich v Sheff. Wed. ... P
2 Luton v Watford ... P
— Millwall v Leicester ... P
3 Southampton v Barnsley ... P
Wimbledon v West Ham ... P
4 York v Liverpool

CANON LGE—Div. I

5 Aston Villa v Arsenal ... P
— Chelsea v Newcastle
6 Stoke v W. Bromwich ... P
Tottenham v Nottm F. ... P

DIVISION II

— Birmingham v Man. City ... P
7 Carlisle v Leeds ... P
8 Charlton v Sheff. Utd ... P
9 Huddersfield v C. Palace
10 Notts Co. v Portsmouth ... P
11 Oldham v Cardiff
— Oxford v Shrewsbury ... P
12 Wolves v Grimsby ... P

DIVISION III

13 Bolton v Swansea
14 Bournemouth v Newport ... P
15 Burnley v Orient
16 Doncaster v Brentford
17 Hull v Bradford
18 Lincoln v Wigan
19 Plymouth v Gillingham ... P
20 Preston v Cambridge U. ... P
21 Reading v Walsall ... P
22 Rotherham v Bristol C. ... P

DIVISION IV

23 Crewe v Scunthorpe
— Hartlepool v Darlington
24 Hereford v Chesterfield ... P
25 Mansfield v Exeter ... P
26 Peterborough v Aldershot ... P
27 Rochdale v Northampton
28 Swindon v Bury ... P
29 Torquay v Colchester ... P
30 Tranmere v Chester ... P
31 Wrexham v Halifax
(being played at Halifax)

GOLA LEAGUE

32 Barnet v Worcester ... P
33 Bath v Enfield
34 Boston U. v Kettering
35 Dartford v Dagenham
36 Frickley v Weymouth
37 Gateshead v Maidstone
38 Kidderminster v Wealdstone ... P

NORTHERN PREM. LGE

39 Burton A. v Worksop
40 Buxton v Macclesfield ... P
41 Goole v Workington
42 Grantham v Bangor C.
43 Marine v Witton Alb. ... P
44 Mossley v Gainsborough
45 Oswestry v Hyde ... P
46 Rhyl v Matlock ... P

SOUTHERN LGE—Prem. Div.

47 Chelmsford v Fisher
48 Fareham v Corby
49 Folkestone v King's Lynn
50 Gloucester v Hastings
51 Gravesend v Shepshed
52 Trowbridge v Bedworth ... P

SCOTTISH CUP—4th Rd

— Ayr v St Mirren
— Brechin v Hearts
— Celtic v Inverness T.
— Forfar v Falkirk
— Meadowbank v Motherwell
— Raith v Aberdeen
— Rangers v Dundee
— Qn of South v Dundee U.

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. I

— Clyde v Airdrie
— St Johnstone v Clydebank

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

53 Albion v Arbroath
— Alloa v Stranraer
54 Berwick v Queen's Park ... P
55 Dunfermline v Stirling
— Montrose v Cowdenbeath
— Stenhousemuir v E. Stirling

(Numbers as on P P A coupons)

REST OF TODAY'S SOCCER FIXTURES

Spectators are advised because of the weather to check with clubs before travelling.

OTHER MATCHES.—Exeter v Aston Villa. Cancelled: Derby v FK Austria.

GOLA LGE.—Scarborough v Altrincham. Yeovil v Runcorn.

NORTHERN PREM. LGE. — Southport v Stafford Rgs.

FOOTBALL COMB. — Arsenal v Southampton. Norwich v Charlton (2), Portsmouth v Brighton (2.30). Swansea v Norwich. Postponed: Fulham v Reading. West Ham v Birmingham.

BASS IRISH CUP.—2nd Rd: Ards v Ballymoney U, Ballyclare Comrades v Glentoran, Ballymena v Killyleagh, Genavon v Cliftonville, H & W Welders v Portadown, Larne v Linfield, Limavady U v Distillery, RUC v Coleraine.

SOUTHERN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Alvechurch v Cheltenham, Welling v RS Southampton, Witney v Willenhall. Midland Div.: Aylesbury v Coventry S. Bromsgrove v Banbury, Dudley v Rushden, Forest Gn v Bridgnorth, Leicester U v Hednesford, Moor Gn v Merthyr, Stourbridge v Sutton Coldfield, Wellingboro v Oldbury, Redditch v VS Rugby.

Southern Div.: Addlestone v Chatham, Andover v Canterbury, Basingstoke v Thanet, Cambridge C. v Tonbridge (at Tonbridge), Dorchester v Waterlooville, Dover v Hillingdon, Dunstable v Ashford, Erith v Poole, Sheppey v Salisbury, Woodford v Gosport Boro.

WELSH LGE.—Nat. Div.: Barry v Haverfordwest, Bridgend v Cwmbran, Briton Ferry v Caerleon, Caerau v Pontllanfraith, Ebbw Vale v Brecon, Port Talbot v Blaenrhondda, Ton Pentre v Llanelli.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE. — Prem. Lge: Barnstaple v Frome, Bristol Manor Farm v Clevedon, Chard v Liskeard, Clandown v Bristol C., Mangotsfield v Plymouth, Melksham v Chippenham, Minehead v Shepton Mallet, Paulton v Bideford, Saltash v Devizes, Weston-s-Mare v Dawlish.

FA VASE.—5th Rd: Braintree v Collier Row, Bury T v Wisbech, Halesowen v Wythenshaw Amats, Hucknall CW v Exmouth (2.15). Replays: Chester-Le-Street v Fleetwood (3.15), Sharpness v Sudbury (2.15).

UNITED COUNTIES LGE. — Prem. Div.: Baldock v Ampthill, Bourne v Wootton, Brackley v Irthlingborough, Desborough v Eynesbury, Long Buckby v Arlesey, Newport Pannell v Raunds, Potton v Buckingham, Rothwell v Holbeach, Stotfold v S & L Corby, St Neots v Stamford.

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LGE: Mansfield v Nottm F, Notts Co v Stoke, Walsall v W Bromwich; Lge Cup, Gp A: Birmingham v Coventry, Shrewsbury v Wolves. Grp B: Aston Villa v Derby, Leicester v Port Vale.

EASTERN COUNTIES LGE.—Braintree v Ely, Brantham v Clacton, Chatteris v Bury, Harwich v Histon, Soham v Haverhill, Sudbury v Stowmarket, Tiptree v March, Thetford v Newmarket, Wisbech v Felixstowe. Lge Cup: Colchester v Lowestoft.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Barking v Worthing, Bognor Regis v Bishop's Stortford, Carshalton A v Wokingham, Dulwich v Sutton U, Epsom v Hendon, Harlow v Windsor, Hayes v Walthamstow, Hitchin v Tooting, Leytonstone-Ilford v Croydon, Slough v Billericay, Wycombe v Harrow Borough.

Div. I: Basildon v Boreham Wood, Bromley v St Albans, Chesham v Farnborough, Kingstonian v Walton, Maidenhead U v Clapton, Met Police v Lewes, Tilbury v Hornchurch, Wembley v Hertford, Woking v Staines.

Div. II North: Barton v Epping, Chalfont St Peter v Marlow, Cheshunt v Ware, Finchley v Berkhamsted, Flackwell Heath v Haringey Borough, Hoddesdon v Saffron Walden, Hemel Hempstead v Tring, Royston v Stevenage Borough, Wolverton v Harefield.

Div. II South: Banstead v Hungerford, Chertsey v Grays, Dorking v Bracknell, Egham v Southall, Feltham v Camberley, Newbury v Horsham, Petersfield v Ruislip Manor, Rainham v Molesey, Uxbridge v Whyteleafe.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE (2.45).—Prem. Div.: Beaconsfield v Hanwell, C Casuals v BROB Barnet (2), Edgware v Amersham T (5), Pennant v Burnham, Swanley v Northwood, Thatcham v Danson (5). Lge Cup, 2nd Rd: Redhill v Beckton (5).

HELLENIC LGE. — Prem. Div.: Abingdon U v Clanfield, Didcot v Maidenhead T, Fairford v Hounslow, Moreton v Wantage, Rayners Lane v Shortwood U, Supermarine v Abingdon T, Wallingford v Almondsbury Greenway.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP. — 2nd Rd Postponed: Foresters v Reptonians; Lancing OB v Carthusians.

ARTHURIAN LGE (2.30). — Prem. Div.: Aldenhamians v Westminsters, Chigwellians v Cholmeleians, Malvernians v Brentwoods. Div. 1: Ardinians v Etonians, Citizens v Wellingburians, Harrovians v Salopians, Wykehamists v Bradfieldians.

SOUTH EASTERN COUNTIES LGE (11).—Div. 1: Cambridge U v Orient (Parsons Rd), Charlton v Millwall (Eltham), Fulham v Gillingham (Barnes), Ipswich v Chelsea (Portman Rd), Portsmouth v Arsenal (Burnaby Rd), Southend v Watford (Roots Hall), Tottenham v Norwich (Cheshunt). Div. II: Brentford v West Ham (Northolt), Brighton v Tottenham (Lancing Coll), Luton v Reading (Dunstable), Swindon v Bristol R (Swindon Tn Gd), Wimbledon v Oxford U (Roehampton). Postponed: C Palace v Southend.

TOMORROW

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Barnstaple v Bristol Manor F. Chippenham v Minehead, Liskeard v Bristol C.

LUTON DEALS

The transfer dealings of David Pleat, the manager, turned a loss into a profit for them last season. They made £511,794, thanks to transfer profits of £700,250.

SOCCER RESULTS

FA CUP—5th Round

Blackburn (0) 0 Man Utd (1) 2 Strachan, McGrath —22,692

CANON LEAGUE—Div. IV

Stockport (0) 1 Southend (1) 2 Sword pen; Engwell 2 —1,039

JIMMY BALDWIN

Jimmy Baldwin, who played right-half for Blackburn and Leicester, has died aged 65. Born in Blackburn, he appeared for them from 1945 to 1950, then spent six years at Leicester. He went as player-manager to Great Yarmouth and Yeovil before retiring in 1960.

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Trimming

SARAH IS SOON ON TARGET

By PAT BESFORD

SARAH HARDCASTLE easily won the first two of her nine-event target at the ... swimming meeting at the Crystal ... Barnet Copthall last night. Although no records came her way, she won ... minutes ...

Chased by Hill

Scottish record

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Australian Masters Golf

LANGER'S GREAT ROUND OF 64 CATCHES FALDO

By TERRY SMITH in Melbourne

BERNHARD LANGER, of West Germany, produced one of the great rounds of Australian golf yesterday. On Huntingdale's long, narrow course he swept to a nine-under-par 64 to join Nick Faldo in the lead after two rounds of the £137,000 Australian Masters.

Faldo had a 73 with two eagles, after taking a double bogey at the first, to match Langer's total of 140.

Langer played in superlative style to pluck an eagle and seven birdies from the 6,996-yard course in a stiff northerly wind.

His 64 drew comparisons with Jack Nicklaus's 62 at Manly, Hale Irwin's 64 at Royal Melbourne, Peter Thomson's 63 at The Australian and Gary Player's two 62s in the 1965 Australian Open at Kooyonga.

He said: "My coach, Peter Kostis, gave me a few lessons during last week's Hawaiian Open. I was swaying and getting too upright. Now I'm swinging a bit flatter and keeping my head still."

Langer went to the pro shop after Thursday's opening 76 and put a trifle more loft on his putter in an attempt to combat Huntingdale's lightning-fast greens.

"Yo-yo-golf," was how Faldo summed up a round in which he was often troubled by TV cameramen trying to get into a ridiculously close position.

Yabe challenge

His eagle at the 10th was the result of a 35-foot putt, but the eagle two at the 522-yard 15th was far more spectacular.

Faldo smacked a huge drive to just off the front edge of the green and rolled home a marvellous putt the length of a cricket pitch.

In third place, three strokes behind Langer and Faldo was Akira Yabe, of Japan, who had a 70 with six birdies, a triple-bogey and an eagle two at the fourth, a sharp dog-leg when he holed out with his eight iron.

Langer, after parring the first two holes, completed the next seven in an awesome seven under (five birdies and an eagle at the seventh) to turn in 30.

He missed only one green in the regulation number of strokes and used the driver only five times, preferring to hit his one iron from the tee to ensure his ball did not go into the woods.

Langer is planning to play 15 tournaments on this year's US tour, between 6 and 12 in Europe and another four in Japan.

140—B. Langer (W Germany) 76, 64; N. Faldo (GB) 67, 73.
142—J. Clifford 70, 72.
143—A. Yabe (Japan) 73, 70.
144—G. Turner (N Zealand) 73, 71; I. Baker-Finch 73, 72.
145—A. Forsbrand (Sweden) 74, 71; F. Nobilo (N Zealand) 73, 72; P. Fowler 73, 72; T. Gale 71, 74.
146—O. Moore 73, 73; R. Swanson 76, 70; S. Reese (N Zealand) 76, 70.
147—E. Jones 73, 74; K. Devlin (Mexico) 74, 73; V. Somers 73, 74; M. Harwood 74, 73.
148—R. Shearer 77, 71; M. Colandro (US) 75, 73; G. Alexander 75, 73; L. Stephen 75, 73; G. Norman 76, 72; I. Stanley 74, 74; S. Lyle (GB) 74, 74.
149—R. Shaw 72, 77; D. Merriman 71, 78; J. Crow 78, 71; J. Senior 76, 73; H. Coombes (N. Zealand) 73, 76.
Other British: 151—M. McLean 73, 78. 153—G. Brand Jnr 76, 77; S. Torrance 76, 77.

Women's Golf

MUNDINGER SLIP LETS IN SHIPMAN

By BILL JOHNSON in Singapore

KIM SHIPMAN, of the United States, took the lead after a two-under-par second round of 70 in the £13,000 Royal Insurance Singapore Open at hte Jurong Country Club yesterday.

Shipman, who finished second in last wek's Malaysian Open, is ahead with a 36-holes aggregate of 144 to open up a two-stroke advantage on overnight leader Karin Mundinger and Wu Ming-Yeh going into today's final round.

A professional for only eight months Shipman was one-over-par after five holes but made amends with a three-under-par inward run of 34.

Birdies at the long 10th and 13th gave the Texas golfer a much-needed spur after which she hit a two-iron to 18ft, then rolled in a putt for a two at the short 15th.

Wu surge

Mundinger had protected her lead with nine straight pars when she started from the 10th tee. But she pulled her drive into trouble at the second, then a double dogey five at the short third which added up to a four-over pr 39 for the outward half.

It was over the same half that Taiwan's Wu stepped up her challenge by sprinting home in 35 with birdies at each of the last two holes.

144—K. Shipman (US) 74, 70.
146—K. Mundinger (Canada) 70, 76; Wu Ming-Yeh (Taiwan) 73, 73.
147—Huang Yueh-Chyn (Taiwan) 73, 74.
148—K. Ikoma (Japan) 74, 74; T. Welbourn (US) 76, 72; J. Bertrand (US) 74, 74.
149—J. Cole (US) 77, 72.
150—T. J. Myers (US) 73, 77; F. Nagata (Japan) 73, 77.
151—K. Rinker (US) 71, 80; B. Birdi 74, 77; S. Austin (US) 75, 76; L. Segre (US) 73, 78; N. Jeanson (France) 74, 77.
152—D. Petrizzi (US) 74, 78.
153—L. Klover 76, 77; Y. Matsushita (Japan) 79, 74; A. Sowelis (US) 77, 76; R. Comstock (US) 76, 77; Tai Yu-Hsia (Taiwan) 73, 80; N. Okada (Japan) 75, 78.
154—M. Rubin (US) 76, 78; N. Tomich (US) 78, 76; T. Fernando (Sri Lanka) 77, 77; D. Kortgaard (Canada) 77, 77; M. Marshall (US) 74, 80.
156—M. Barton (GB) 78, 78.
159—F. Dassu (Italy) 80, 79; R. Hast (S. Africa) 80, 79.

Bernhard Langer anxiously watches his putt at the 16th green in the Australian Masters at Huntingdale, Melbourne yesterday.

U.S. Golf

Oosterhuis shows glimmer of past

By ALEX LANCASTER in La Jolla, California

PETER OOSTERHUIS and Gene Littler, now 54, figured prominently in the early rounds of the £400,000 San Diego Open in extremely hot weather in La Jolla, California, yesterday.

The tall Briton, who has always played well on the Torrey Vines courses, and finished seventh last year, scored a 67. And Littler, who lives very close to the courses astounded everyone with a 65.

Ninety-nine players beat the par of 72 on the two courses, making it difficult for Mark O'Meara, the winner of the last two events, and Tom Watson to qualify for the las ttwo rounds on the South Course this weekend. Both had a 72.

O'Meara took an eight at the par-four fifth on the North Course, hitting two balls into a ravine where signs proclaimed: "Watch out for snakes". His remarkable runs seems to have come to an end.

Newcomers do well

Several players from last autum's qualifying "school" are being given their chance here, because many professionals have already left for Florida, where the Doral Eastern Open will be played in Miami next week.

Of the newcomers Steve Pate (no relation to the former United States Open champion, Jerry, had a 65. And Andrew Magee (66), and Jeff Coston (68) also should be closely watched.

Littler and Craig Stadler are the local heros, both being "home town boys"—and they were followed by many of the 20,000 crowd.

Showing little sign of his major cancer operation of several years ago, Littler rewarded his admirers with a smooth 65. The veteran Ryder Cup man—nicknamed "Gene The Machine," because of the smoothness of his action—won this title 31 years ago.

Memories flood back

Oosterhuis's 67 brought back memories of the lanky Londoner's palmiest days on the British circuit when he won the order of merit from 1971 to 1974.

After missing two puts on the first two greens, he could do no wrong—and rattled off five birdies in six holes from the third.

Out in 31, he looked set for a 65 or 66, but dropped two strokes by missing the 12th and 14th greens.

But he finished well. At the 501-yard 18th, he put a three-wood narrowly over the guarding pond and then holed a 50-footer from just off the green for a spectacular eagle.

64—C. Hallberg, D. Pooley, H. Twitty, T. Valentine.
65—B. Litzke, G. Littler, S. Pate, L. Roberts, V. Heafner.
66—J. Renner, B. Crenshaw, E. Fiori, J. Pate, J. Haas, P. Hancock.
67—P. Oosterhuis (GB).

LLEWELLYN IS DENIED BIG LEAD

By RICHARD JAMES in the Ivory Coast

DAVID LLEWELLYN'S hopes of his first major victory since the 1972 Kenya Open suffered a setback with a double bogey six at the last in yesterday's second round of the £50,000 Ivory Coast open golf championship at Yamoussoukro.

But a 70 was still good enough to keep him two strokes clear of his nearest challenger, Peter Harrison. He was on 137, seven under par.

Harrison, 28, from Tyneside, who finished joint 25th at last autumn's PGA school at La Manga to regain his players' card, had a 68 to move two ahead of the 1983 Ivory Coast champion, Bill Longmuir, and fellow Scots Mike Miller and Brian Gunson.

Another Scot, defending champion Bill McColl, is a stroke further back.

Llewellyn, 35, the former Welsh World Cup international, showed no ill effects after being up most of the night through illness.

(British unless stated)
137—D. Llewellyn 67, 70.
139—P. Harrison 71, 68.
141—B. Longmuir 73, 68; M. Miller 73, 68; B. Gunson 69, 72.
142—B. McColl 71, 71; O. Legiise (France) 70, 72; M. Mackenzie 70, 72; G. Turner 74, 68; A. Murray 70, 72.
143—P. Cowen 70, 73; P. Teeling 69, 74; J. Fowler 71, 72.
144—P. Carrigill 74, 70; A. Stubbs 71, 73.
145—B. Marchbank 71, 74; J. Lebbie (Sierra Leone) 74, 71; G. Broadhurst 69, 76; S. Martin 72, 73.

Women's World Bowls

Australians ahead as England slip

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in Melbourne

ENGLAND trailed unbeaten Australia by two games in both the pairs and triples after the third day of the Women's World Bowls Championships in Melbourne yesterday.

The England pair of Norma Shaw and Jean Valls had a real chance to make up ground on Australia after a confidence-boosting 40-10 win against Western Samoa in the sixth round.

However, they were surprisingly beaten 22-16 in the next by Papua New Guinea's Kathy Sigimet and Maggi Worri in a high-class game played in difficult conditions due to a strong cross wind.

The turning point of that game came at the 19th end when Papua New Guinea trailed the jack to the ditch for four shots and a 20-15 lead with only two ends to play.

The England pair are now in a seven-way tie for second place, two wins behind the Australians, who beat the United States 28-15 in the morning and had a bye in the afternoon.

England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Botswana, New Zealand and Zimbabwe share third place in the triples, one win (two points) behind Hongkong who trail Australia by a similar margin.

PAIRS

6TH RND.—N. Shaw & J. Valls (England) 40, P. Ainuu & L. Faraimo (Western Samoa) 10—H. Gordon & R. Lebel (Israel) 19, J. Fulton & F. Anderson (Botswana) 18—A. Duncalf & K. Finch (Canada) 17, J. Osborne & B. Knnjcich (New Zealand) 16—E. Bell & N. Allely (Ireland) 22, C. Sigimet & M. Worri (Papua New Guinea) 14—Tam On & W. Fong (Fiji) 30, P. Michell & O. Dolphin (Zimbabwe) 15—J. Humphries & L. Sedick (Hongkong) 19, J. Davies & B. Morgan (Wales) 15—E. Christie & S. McCrone (Scotland) 25, M. de Gismondi & M. de Rohan (Argentina) 12—A. Mayers & M. Cattermole (Kenya) 23, J. Viegas & C. Thompson (Swaziland) 14—F. Craig & M. Richardson (Australia) 28, E. Denton & P. Boehm (U.S.) 15.

7TH RND.—Wales 38, Argentina 9—Fiji 21, Botswana 15—Swaziland 29, U.S. 8—Ireland 33, Hongkong 13—Scotland 18, Canada 17—Zimbabwe 20, Jersey 16—Papua New Guinea 22, England 16—New Zealand 25, Kenya 15—Israel 18, Western Samoa 12.

TRIPLES

5TH RD. — US 17, Kenya 14 (unfinished).

6TH RD.—New Zealand 17, Canada 12—England 29, Western Samoa 7—Zimbabwe 19, Fiji 10—Australia 35, US 5—Botswana 20, Israel 11—Swaziland 20, Kenya 15—Ireland 27, Papua New Guinea 8—Hongkong 16, Wales 14—Scotland 15, Argentina 11.

7TH RD.—England 20, Papua New Guinea 12—New Zealand 34, Kenya 10—Hongkong 19, Ireland 14—Fiji 17, Botswana 13—Canada 24, Scotland 20—Zimbabwe 24, Jersey 15—US 19, Swaziland 16—Wales 24, Argentina 17—Israel 32, Western Samoa 13.

POINTS — Pairs: Australia 14pts; Canada, England, Fiji, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea 10; Hongkong, Wales, Zimbabwe 8; Botswana, Jersey, Kenya, Scotland 6; Western Samoa 4; Swaziland, US 2; Argentina 0.

Triples: Australia 14; Hongkong 12; Botswana, England, Fiji, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales, Zimbabwe 10; Canada, Israel, US 8; Swaziland 6; Ireland, Kenya, Papua New Guinea 4; Jersey 2; Western Samoa, Argentina 0.

NORTHANTS CONFIDENT

By Our Bowls Correspondent

NORTHANTS, who have yet to reach the Prudential Liberty Trophy inter-county championship final, go into today's semi-final against Durham with confidence and an all-to-gain attitude.

A large crowd will be travelling to the Erewash Stadium at Long Eaton. The skips, Rab Donaghue, Ted Hanger, Terry James, Tony Holmes, Maurice Allen and George Wells have been squeezing everything out of their fours recently but there is slight danger of trying too hard, so pressurising themselves unnecessarily.

Durham's Cliff Simpson, Tom Buller, Tom Wilkinson, George Turley, Dave Webb and Mal Hughes are names to respect. More than that, there is a tendency for one or the other to run up a big score, and so blanket a poor day on perhaps two other rinks.

Somerset favoured

Durham must start favourites, as will Somerset against Sussex, who won the trophy in 1976 and then faded away. Richard Twine, Ivan Orchin, Gary Bridger, Steve Walters and Jim Preston conjured a magical win over Kent's formidable team in the quarter-finals.

Somerset have enjoyed team rapport and a long standing foundation of skips such as David Bryant, Pip Branfield, Peter McCall, Mike Prosser, Jim O'Brien and John Wiseman. Their solidity is unarguable.

Sussex have built up a squad of several talented young men and will be eager when they play at the Desborough Club, Maidenhead. They certainly rose to the occasion in the earlier rounds.

Lacrosse

ALL TERRITORIAL GAMES OFF

Frozen pitches at Berkhamsted have caused the cancellation of this week's All England Women's Lacrosse Territorial Championship, just as South, North and West Territories were in the grip of a tight and keen struggle for the Hattersley Salver.

All regions are anxious to play the championship out and next weekend would have been the obvious alternative but for England and Wales trials. So the weekend of March 23-24 seems the likeliest substitute.

Biathlon

MORE DRUG TESTS

Drug tests will be introduced for future biathlon World Cup *races*, the sport's governing body decided yesterday. Previously, testing has been compulsory only at World Championships.

Sex, the young and parents.

Graham Turner has been talking to parents about the sexual behaviour of their children who are growing up in the Eighties. He reveals the dilemma and fears of mothers and fathers who grew up in a less permissive Britain. In the first part of a new series on sex and the young he questions parents on what control they exercise over their off-spring. How do they now cope with adolescent pressures and conflicts at home?

Tomorrow, the effects of yesterday's sexual revolution on today's parents.

Why I quit the NUM National Executive: Roy Ottey concludes his exclusive revelations on the miners' strike.

In tomorrow's

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Pike's Peak poser for Sally Hall

By HOTSPUR

SALLY HALL returned late last night from a holiday in the Canary Isles with a suntan and a problem, for the Middleham trainer is among several finding that time is running out to prepare an effective Daily Express Triumph Hurdle challenge.

Miss Hall's predominantly Flat-race stable has one entry, Pike's Peak, among 142 nominations for the Cheltenham race on March 14, and the former Irish-trained four-year-old has not gone unnoticed by ante-post bookmakers.

The betting market is dominated by Wing And A Prayer, Out of the Gloom and Tondbad, but Pike's Peak figures prominently with Ladbrokes and Corals at 25-1, and is 33-1 with William Hill.

The price fails to reflect the fact that Pike's Peak, who has still to race over hurdles, is not yet guaranteed a place in the Triumph Hurdle line-up, which for safety reasons is limited to 30 runners.

There are sure to be more possibles than places available, and since balloting-out is conducted on a handicap basis, those candidates with proven form are favoured. Even winners are not certain of a run.

Pike's Peak has engagements at Huntingdon, Catterick Bridge and Wetherby in the next 11 days, after which there are only 10 racing days before the start of the Festival meeting at Cheltenham.

He was bought privately last autumn after winning two of his four races as a three-year-old for Con Collins, and will race in the name of Hippodrome Racing, a syndicate whose main roots are nearer to Yorkshire than their foreign-sounding name might suggest.

Musson's problem

Pike's Peak, who also ran well when twice fourth in good-class company last season, had his last race at Phoenix Park on June 20, when he beat Marc Millar, who was receiving 16lb, by two and a half lengths. Over hurdles at Leopardstown on Boxing Day Marc Millar finished third to Tondbad and Brimstone Lady, both prominent in Triumph betting.

When the weather does relent sufficiently for Pike's Peak to make his hurdling debut, he should not fail on the score of fitness. Miss Hall's string have been able to keep on the move despite the freeze, using an all-weather gallop and farmland close by.

At least seven other trainers, whose horses appear among the 46 quoted by Ladbrokes, share Miss Hall's predicament, including Nick Henderson, who has yet to fulfil hurdling engagements with First Bout, 20-1 with Ladbrokes, and Young Nicholas. Martin Pipe has a choice of eight races, weather permitting, for Quickstep, a 21,000-guineas purchase out of Clive Brittain's stable, in the next 12 days.

Another trainer who will come back from holiday with a problem to solve is Willie Musson. He returns to Newmarket next week to face reports that Lester Piggott has been offered a contract to ride in Australia until the beginning of April.

Musson trains Roman Beach, whose promotion to favourite for the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on March 23 appeared to be based on a suggestion that Piggott would ride the five-year-old.

Piggott's brother-in-law, Robert Armstrong, had his unbeaten run at Cagnes-sur-Mer ended yesterday when his fourth runner, Heart of Stone, finished out of the first seven of 14 in the Prix Joseph Collingnon, having unseated jockey Paul Tulk before the start.

Little hope for resumption

For the fourth day running there will be no racing in Britain, following yesterday's abandonment of today's Nottingham meeting because of snow. Prospects for a resumption are bleak.

There will be a noon inspection today at Wolverhampton, where there are six-foot snow drifts, to assess Monday's prospects, and the day's other meeting, at Fontwell Park, is subject to a 9.30 a.m. inspection tomorrow, due to frost.

Inspections will also be held tomorrow at Tuesday's two scheduled venues, Huntingdon (noon), because of snow and ice, and Sedgefield (3 p.m.), where the ground is severely affected by frost.

Today's Leopardstown fixture was postponed, because of frost, until Wednesday, after failing to pass an inspection yesterday afternoon, and Monday's Down Royal card has been abandoned.

O'BRIEN IS MYSTIFIED

By TONY STAFFORD

DAVID O'BRIEN yesterday expressed himself surprised at the promotion of his filly Aviance to 6-1 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas.

When I saw her at his Ballydoyle stable yesterday the small but compact unbeaten filly looked in excellent shape for the time of year, but so did the rest of O'Brien's 50-horse string.

"It is possible that Alydar's Best, Triptych, Affirmed's Dance and Secreto's sister Catopetl, may also be entered for the 1,000 Guineas," said O'Brien. "I have no idea where the support came from. It certainly wasn't anything to do with me."

Point-to-point

'GAYLE' STILL ON COURSE

By DAVID WELCH

The Grand National is only six weeks away but supporters of Gayle Warning, the most highly rated point-to-pointer in the field, need not be concerned that the 11-year-old has not run this season.

John Dudgeon, the gelding's owner-trainer, was hoping to give him an outing in the Lanark and Renfrew Open this afternoon but that plan was thwarted when the Bogside course was ruled unraceable.

Should racing be possible next week, Dudgeon is considering going to Friar's Haugh for the Berwickshire Open.

Gayle Warning is also entered for a hunters-chase at Kelso the following Tuesday, after which he is expected to have at least two more runs before Aintree, for which he is quoted 33-1.

"I would start to get worried if the weather didn't clear up in the next 10 days" said Dudgeon, "but the horse is probably only one gallop short of his fitness at this stage last year".

Liverpool experience

Gayle Warning made his seasonal debut at Bogside 12 months ago and went on to win the Aintree Foxhunters' over two and three-quarter miles of the National course. Few horses will go to Liverpool with a better course record than Gayle Warning, who was placed in the two previous runnings of the Foxhunters.

John's son, Sandy, a banker, will be having his first ride in the National on Gayle Warning and there is no danger of his losing the mount to a professional jockey.

"He's a family horse and but for that we might have sold him by now. I suppose that would have been the sensible thing to do," reasoned John Dudgeon, who believes that if he can get the first six fences "out of the way," Gayle Warning, well handicapped with 10st 2lb, will relish the challenge facing him.

Today's postponed fixtures, with new dates where apllicable: Essex Farmers, Marks Tey; Lanark & Renfrew, Bogside; Mid-Devon, Ottery St Mary (Wed. Feb. 20); Sinnington, Duncombe Park (Sat. Feb. 23); United Services, Larkhill.

Gaye Brief fight for fitness

The Cheltenham National Hunt Festival is only 24 days away and Mrs Mercy Rimell will be counting every one more anxiously than most.

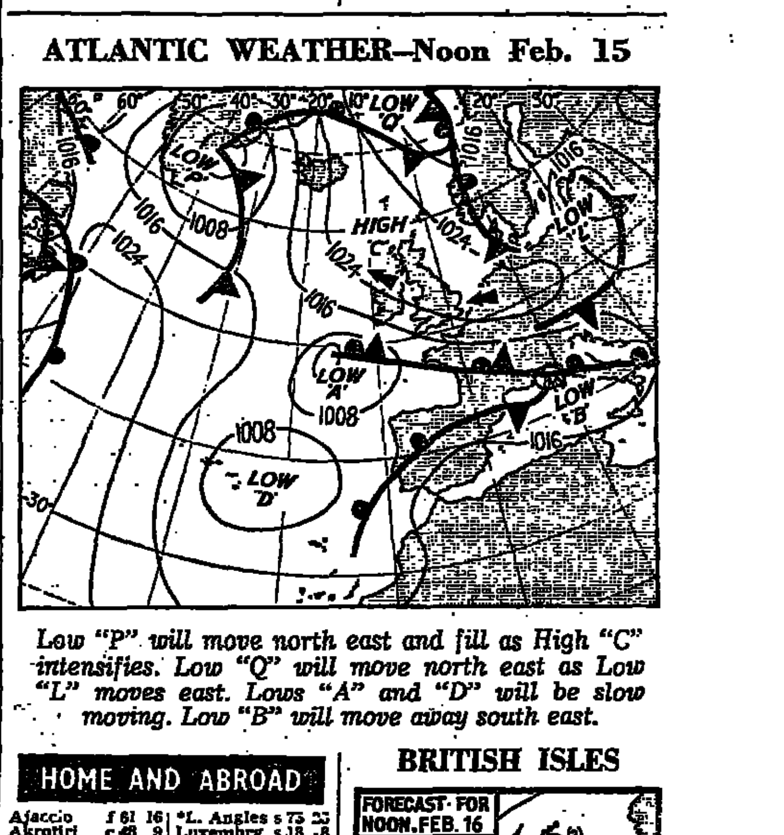
In THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow, JOHN OAKSEY recounts the agonies the Kinnersley trainer has gone through trying to get troubled hurdler Gaye Brief fit and well in time to regain his Champion status on March 12.

Athletics is trying to get its image fit and well, too, with new drug testing measures. PETER HILDRETH predicts, though, that concerned officials could find themselves facing a no-win situation.

By contrast, Frank Warren can't lose these days. COLIN MALAM charts the rise and rise of the East End boxing promoter.

Don't miss, either, the remaining live action from today's FA Cup Fifth Round and rugby's Five Nations' Championship in THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Feb. 15



Low "P" will move north east and fill as High "C" intensifies. Low "Q" will move north east as Low "L" moves east. Lows "A" and "D" will be slow moving. Low "B" will move away south east.

HOME AND ABROAD

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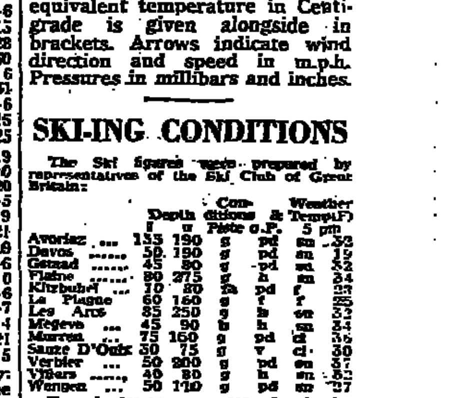
Alexndria	s 59	15	Luxor	dustorm	
Algiers	s 72	22	Madrid	c 55	13
Amstrdam	s 23	-5	Malaga	f 68	20
Athens	s 48	9	Malta	s 64	18
Bahrain	s 73	23	Manchstr	s 34	1
*Barbados	c 81	27	Melbrne	s 90	32
Barcelona	c 72	22	*Mexico C.	c 64	18
Belfast	s 34	1	Miami	c 58	14
Berlin	s 18	-8	Milan	c 34	1
*Bermuda	c 71	20	Montreal	sn 24	-4
Biarritz	f 61	16	Moscow	s 9	-16
Brmnghm	s 28	-2	Munich	c 16	-9
Blackpool	s 34	1	Nairobi	s 81	27
Bordeaux	c 57	14	Naples	c 55	13
Boulogne	s 23	-5	Newcastle	s 36	2
Bristol	s 28	-2	N. Delhi	s 68	20
Brussels	s 19	-7	New York	s 35	2
Budapest	sn 19	-7	Nice	s 63	17
Cairo	c 52	11	Oporto	c 57	14
Cape Tn	s 75	24	Oslo	f 18	-9
Cardiff	f 28	-2	Paris	f 30	-1
Casablnca	s 81	27	Perth	s 79	26
Cologne	s 21	-6	Prague	f 18	-8
Copnhgn	sn 18	-8	Reykjavik	s 41	5
*Chicago	sn 18	-8	Rhodes	s 43	6
Corfu	f 50	10	*Rio de J.	s 86	30
*Dallas	c 46	8	Riyadh	s 79	26
*Denver	c 45	7	Rome	c 59	15
Dublin	s 36	2	Salzburg	sn 21	-6
Dubrovnik	c 41	5	*S. Frisco	f 55	13
Edinburgh	s 34	1	*Santiago	s 82	28
Faro	f 61	16	*Sao Paulo	f 86	30
Florence	r 43	6	Seoul	s 43	6
Frankfurt	s 18	-8	Singapore	f 88	31
Funchal	s 64	18	Strasburg	s 21	-6
Geneva	sn 30	-1	Stockhlm	f 5	-15
Gibraltar	s 61	16	Sydney	s 77	25
Glasgow	s 36	2	Tangier	s 66	19
Guernsey	c 32	0	Tel Aviv	r 50	10
Helsinki	s 3	-16	Tenerife	s 68	20
Hong Kng	f 70	21	Toronto	c 23	-5
Innsbrck	sn 25	-4	Tokyo	s 48	9
Inverness	c 30	-1	Tunis	s 70	21
I.O.M.	s 34	1	Valencia	c 66	19
Istanbul	s 32	0	*Vancver	sn 21	-6
Jersey	c 32	0	Venice	sn 32	0
Karachi	s 79	26	Vienna	f 21	-6
L. Palmas	f 66	19	Warsaw	sn 19	-7
Lima	s 81	27	Washngtn	f 39	4
Lisbon	c 59	15	Wellngtn	f 70	21
Locarno	f 37	3	Zurich	sn 25	-5
London	s 32	0			

Key: C—cloudy; f—fair; s—sunny; sn—snow. Temps: (F&C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicated previous days readings.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	5.1	—	37	3	Sun am
Bridlington	6.4	—	37	3	Sunny
Cromer	7.5	—	36	3	Sunny
Lowestoft	8.5	—	32	0	Sunny
Clacton	6.9	—	30	-1	Sunny
Margate	—	—	30	-1	Sunny
South					
Folkestone	6.7	—	28	-2	Sunny
Hastings	5.3	—	30	-1	Sunny
Eastb'rne	2.6	—	32	0	Bright
Brighton	—	—	28	-2	Bright
Worthing	—	—	32	0	Bright
Bognor	5.5	—	32	0	Sun am
Southsea	3.4	—	33	0	Cloudy
Sandown	0.4	—	32	0	Cloudy
Shanklin	—	—	32	0	Cloudy
Ventnor	0.9	—	32	0	Cloudy
B'mouth	0.9	—	33	0	Cloudy
Poole	1.1	—	32	0	Cloudy
Swanage	0.1	—	34	1	Cloudy
Weymouth	—	—	34	1	Cloudy
Exmouth	0.1	—	34	1	Gale
Teignm'th	—	—	36	2	Gale
Torquay	—	—	36	2	Gale
Falmouth	—	—	37	3	Cloudy
Penzance	—	0.30	37	3	Snow
Jersey	—	0.08	32	0	Sn. pm
Guernsey	—	0.02	36	2	Cloudy
West					
Scilly Is.	—	0.73	37	3	Sleet
Newquay	—	—	37	3	Cloudy
Ilfrac'be	0.7	—	32	0	Dull
Tenby	6.3	—	34	1	Sunny
Colwyn B.	7.1	—	34	1	Sunny
Southport	7.5	—	36	2	Sunny
Morec'be	7.8	—	37	3	Sunny
Douglas	7.9	—	34	1	Sunny
Scotland					
Eskdale'r	8.8	—	36	2	Sunny
Prestwick	8.7	—	39	4	Sunny
Glasgow	8.2	—	39	4	Sunny
Tiree	8.6	—	39	4	Sunny
Stornoway	2.0	—	41	5	Bright
Lerwick	3.1	0.11	39	4	Showers
Wick	3.5	0.09	37	3	Sn. am
Kinloss	0.1	—	36	2	Sn. pm
Aberdeen	5.8	—	39	4	Sunny
St Andr's	7.8	—	39	4	Sunny
Edinburgh	8.3	—	39	4	Sunny
Nthn Ireland					
Belfast	8.0	—	36	2	Sunny
Lake Dist.					
Kendal	7.4	—	34	1	Sunny
Keswick	8.5	—	39	4	Sunny
Ambleside	7.6	—	36	2	Sunny

SNOW STOPS JUMP

Heavy snowfall forced the cancellation of yesterday's World Cup 70-metre ski jump in Gstaad. Officials were meeting to decide whether to attempt to hold the competition there today.

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The Ski figures were prepared by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	Conditions o.P.	Weather 5 pm	Temp(F)
Avoriaz	135	190	g	pd	sn	32
Davos	50	190	g	pd	sn	19
Gstaad	45	80	g	pd	sn	32
Flaine	80	275	g	h	sn	34
Kitzbuhel	10	80	fa	pd	f	23
La Plagne	60	160	g	f	f	25
Les Arcs	85	250	g	h	sn	32
Megeve	45	90	h	h	sn	34
Murren	75	160	g	pd	cl	36
Sauze D'Oulx	30	75	g	v	cl	30
Verbier	50	200	g	pd	sn	37
Villars	40	80	g	h	sn	32
Wengen	50	110	g	pd	sn	27

Key: l—lower; u—upper; cl—cloudy; f—fine; fa—fair; g—good; h—hard; pd—powder; sn—snow; v—varied. Depths in Centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORMS.—Upper and middle runs: complete, wide snow cover, surface icy. Lower slopes: complete, surface icy. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,900ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs: complete, hard packed snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,000ft.

GLENCOE.—Upper runs: 3 complete, hard packed snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: snow cover patchy, hard packed snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,600ft.

LECHT.— Upper and middle runs: complete, wide cover new snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for ski-ing areas today: Glencoe: dry and sunny, elsewhere sunny intervals with scattered snow showers. Winds mainly light south easterly. Freezing at all levels.

Outlook for tomorrow: Similar but south easterly winds, stronger.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 54F (1C); min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 27F (—3C); sunshine 4·9 hours; rainfall: trace.

In Britain yesterday (daytime). Coldest: Brighton 28F (—2C); warmest: Scilly Isles 45F (7C); sunniest: Aspatria 8·9 hours; wettest: Scilly Isles 0·73in.

Lighting-up time 5.47 p.m. to 6.41 a.m. Sun rises 7.13 a.m. Sets 5.17 p.m. Moon rises 6.5 a.m. Sets 1.11 p.m. High water at: London Bridge 11.15 a.m. (20ft), 11.49 p.m. (20.4ft). Dover 8.32 a.m. (18ft), 9.14 p.m. (18.4ft).

SUNDAY

Lighting-up time 5.49 p.m. to 6.39 a.m. Sun rises 7.11 a.m. Sets 5.19 p.m. Moon rises 6.46 a.m. Sets 2.22 p.m. High water at: London Bridge 12.24 p.m. (21ft). Dover 9.41 a.m. (19ft), 10.6 p.m. (19.4ft).

TELEVISION—SATURDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

7.10 a.m.-8.25 Open University. 8.30 Roobarb, told by Richard Briers. 8.35 The Littlest Hobo, rpt. 9 Saturday Superstore. 12.12 Weather.

12 15 GRANDSTAND—Including oFotball Focus at 12.20; News at 12.50; Ski-ing, The Men's Downhill from Austria, at 1; Boxing from the Albert Hall—Jones v Hardie at 1.25; Rugby Union, France v Scotland from Paris at 1.55; World Amateur Cyclo-cross from Munich at 3.30; Final score at 4.45.

5 05 NEWS, WEATHER; at 5.15 Sport/Regional News.

5 20 DOCTOR WHO—The Two Doctors. The start of another, new, three-part story in which Patrick Troughton returns as the Doctor, sent by the Time Lords to investigate experiments. The current Doctor, Colin Baker, also sets off to help. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

6 05 JIM'LL FIX IT—With Jimmy Savile.

6 40 THE LAUGHTER SHOW—Les Dennis and Dustin Gee back with a new series of their comedy show.

7 15 ONE BY ONE—Pride of Place. The local village council is disturbed at the thought of wild animals roaming loose in Manford Park. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 05 DYNASTY—The Birthday. Plans for little Blake's birthday, Fallon's brain-scan, Alexis returning from Hong Kong, Steven and Adam's animosity. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 50 BERGERAC—A Hole in the Bucket. Repeat. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9 45 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

10 00 ★"AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON" (1981)—A rare combination, a film that is both really frightening and funny. Two young Americans, David Naughton and Griffin Dunne, are attacked by a werewolf while hiking in Yorkshire. The nightmare continues even in London. Part spoof of earlier horror films, part satire on contemporary Britain, much shocking make-up and excellent special effects. British support led by Jenny Agutter and John Woodvine. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

11 35 JONI MITCHELL IN CONCERT—The last night of her 1983 tour, recorded at Wembley. 12.30 Weather.

BBC-2

6.25 a.m.-3.10 p.m. Open University. 3.10 "Sylvia Scarlett" (1935, b/w): odd, wandering, comedy-romance with Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant, which was attacked by most but defended warmly by a few. Much of the time she is disguised as a boy as they move on from stealing to strolling players. 4.35 "Strategic Air Command" (1955): patriotic sentiment, with James Stewart as a baseball player recalled to the air force in the jet age and June Allyson as his wife. Good aerial scenes are the best part.

6 25 THE SKY AT NIGHT—Colours of the Stars. Repeat.

6 45 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

7 00 FRANCE ACTUELLE—Grenoble. Repeat from last Sunday.

7 25 RUGBY SPECIAL—Wales v England from Cardiff and France v Scotland from Paris, highlights of today's games.

8 30 BORN TO LIVE. Award-winning film from Hong Kong about physical deformity, with English sub-titles. Two men strive for acceptance in a world which regards them as freaks. One is a modern day "elephant man" the other "a glass-bones man." They become friends in this film, which is based on real life, using the actual men, one aged 16 and the other 26. Their difficulties begin when they leave hospital.

10 00 BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE — Second episode. Repeat.

10 55 THE BIG YIN—Out of the Question. Or rather After Out of the Question. Billy Connolly follows his questions session with Scottish teenagers with an impromptu explanation of his humour.

11 35-1.20 ★"DEAD OF NIGHT" (1945, b/w)—Successful meeting of five people who relate ghost stories or nightmares they have had, all apparently now recurring, a classic thriller of its time, eerie and surrealist. With Michael Redgrave, Mervyn Johns, Roland Culver, Sally Ann Howes, Frederick Valk and Googie Withers.

ITV London Weekend

6.15 a.m. Good Morning Britain; at 8.30 The Wide Awake Club. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Cartoon Time. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 No. 73: Moving Space. 11.20 Space 1999: The Beta Cloud, rpt.

12 15 WORLD OF SPORT—Including World Cup Ski-ing, The Men's Downhill, at 12.20; Pool, world championship qualifier from Kentish Town, at 12.35; News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; International Indoor Athletics from New Jersey, Meadowlands at 1.25; International Horse Racing, the Australian Oaks at 1.40; Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics from Vienna, Austria, at 1.45; Wrestling at 2; Table-tennis from the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, at 2.35; Pool, world championship from Kentish Town at 3 & 4; Half-time soccer round-up at 3.45; Results at 4.45.

5 00 NEWS and SPORT.

5 05 BLOCKBUSTERS—Presented by Bob Holness.

5 35 THE A-TEAM: The Big Squeeze. Being applied by a crooked money-lender and his strong-arm man. The team sets out to teach them a lesson.

6 30 THE FAME GAME—Another session of live talent voted on by viewers.

7 15 ALL STAR SECRETS—More "celebrities" with stories about what happened in bed or in cupboards, and with what. (Oracle sub-titles.)

7 45 T. J. HOOKER—The Lipstick Killer.

8 45 THE PRICE IS RIGHT—That's something anyway.

9 45 NEWS and SPORT.

10 00 ASPEL AND COMPANY—Among them Karen Kay, Kelly Monteith and Frank Carson.

10 50 AUF WIEDERSEHEN, PET — Suspicion. Repeat (Oracle sub-titles). Preceded by London News Headlines.

11 50 MAGNUM—Birdman of Budapest. An old woman ornithologist is actually an enemy agent. Magnum is faced by a vicious macaw!

12 45 BIZARRE—American comedy series.

1 10 NEW FROM LONDON—DiAnno. Heavy metal band.

2 10 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Paul Boateng.

Channel 4

1.5 p.m. Everybody Here, rpt. 1.30 The Making of Britain: Working the Land, studied by Dr. David Carpenter. 2 "The Young Mr. Pitt" (1942, b/w): Carol Reed directed heavy slice of history with Robert Donat as William Pitt, made Prime Minister at the age of 24 just before the French Revolution and the rise of Napoleon (Herbert Lom). Timed as a WW2 boost to morale. Robert Morley as Charles Fox, John Mills (Wilberforce), Raymond Lovell (George III), Max Adrian (Sheridan) and Phyllis Calvert. 4 O'Malley: Mickey Rooney as a Californian private eye in the pilot for an intended American TV series. 4.45 Risky Business, cartoon. 5.5 Brookside, rpt.

6 00 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS—With record producer from the great jazz days, John Hammond, and The Roaring Boys.

7 00 SEVEN DAYS—including former civil servant Sir Patrick Nairne, putting forward his radical views on how to alter the Official Secrets Act.

7 30 HOME: JOURNEYS TO BRITAIN — Seven varied people tell their stories of the difficult first few days of becoming British.

8 30 AS THE YEARS PASS, AS THE DAYS PASS—Cracow 1902. Polish serial with English sub-titles.

9 45 MY WORLD AND WELCOME TO IT — Cristabel. Film plus animation, based on the cartoons and writings of James Thurber, with William Windom as a similar character.

10 15 HILL STREET BLUES—Of Human Garbage.

11 15-12.50 THE EVER-POPULAR TORTURED ARTIST EFFECT—Todd Rundgren. The mysticism of a song-writer being interviewed, seen through video promotion techniques.

★★Outstanding. ★Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 [illegible] Sylvester.
9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.
10 00 No. 73.
11 20 The Green Hornet.
11 45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio.
12 12 TVS Weather.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News; TVS News.
5 05 Blockbusters.
5 35 The A-team.
6 30 The Fame Game, introduced by Tim Brooke-Taylor.
7 15 All Star Secrets, hosted by Michael Parkinson.
7 45 T. J. Hooker.
8 45 The Price Is Right.
9 45 News and Sport.
10 00 Aspel and Company, with chat and laughter.
10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.
11 50 Jazz, with piano virtuoso Ahmad Jamal.
12 20 Company.

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sylvester.
9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.
10 00 No. 73.
11 20 Battlestar Galactica.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News, Sport, Weather.
5 05 Blockbusters.
5 35 The A-team.
6 30 The Fame Game: live talent show, with Tim Brooke-Taylor.
7 15 All Star Secrets — revealed to host Michael Parkinson by Brian [illegible] Tim Rice, Gyles Brandreth and Nanette Newman.
7 45 T. J. Hooker.
8 45 The Price Is Right.
9 45 News, Sport, Weather.
10 00 Aspel and Company, with revealing conversations.
10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.
11 50 Jazz Special—Koinonia, part 2; followed by At the End of the Day.

Central

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Adventures of the Blue Knight.
9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.
10 00 No. 73.
11 20 Chips.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News.
5 05 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 The A-team.
6 30 The Fame Game, hosted Tim Brooke-Taylor and Stan Boardman.
7 15 All Star Secrets: Gyles Brandreth, Brian [illegible] man, Su Pollard and Tim Rice reveal a few to host Michael Parkinson.
7 45 The Price Is Right.
8 45 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 News.
10 00 Aspel and Company, with laughter and conversation.
10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.
11 50-12.20 Shelley, rpt.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather, followed by Sylvester.
9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.
10 00 No. 73.
11 20 Battlestar Galactica.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News.
5 05 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 The A-team.
6 30 The Fame Game, hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor.
7 15 All Star Secrets, revealed to host Michael Parkinson.
7 45 The Price is Right.
8 45 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 News.
10 00 Aspel and Company, with chat and laughter.
10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.
11 50-12.45 The Master: martial arts drama series with Lee Van Cleef.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sylvester.
9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.
10 00 No. 73.
11 20 The Little House on the Prairie.
12 13 HTV News.
12 15 World of Sport, including World Cup Ski-ing from Austria at 12.20; [illegible] News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; International Athletics from San Diego at 1.25; Horse-racing at 1.40; Gymnastics from Austria at 1.45; Wrestling at 2; Pool — World Championship from Kentish Town, London —at 3 & 4; Soccer Half-times at 3.45; Results at 4.45.
5 00 News; HTV News.
5 05 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 The A-team.
6 30 The Fame Game: live talent show, hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor and Stan Boardman.
7 15 All Star Secrets — revealed to host Michael Parkinson by Gyles Brandreth, Brian Johnston, Nanette Newman, Su Pollard and Tim Rice.
7 45 The Price Is Right.
8 45 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 News and Sport.
10 00 Aspel and Company, with conversation and laughter.
10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.
11 50 Jazz Special — Charlie Byrd: Part 2.
12 20 Weather.
6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Cartoon.

TSW

9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.
9 57 Gus Honeybun.
10 00 No. 73.
11 20 Freeze Frame.
12 12 TSW News.
12 15 World of Sport, including World Cup Ski-ing from Austria at 12.20; [illegible] News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; International Athletics from San Diego at 1.25; Horse-racing at 1.40; Gymnastics from Austria at 1.45; Wrestling at 2; Pool — World Championship from Kentish Town, London —at 3 & 4; Soccer Half-times at 3.45; Results at 4.45.
5 00 News, Weather.
5 05 Newsport.
5 10 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 The A-team.
6 30 The Fame Game: live talent show hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor.
7 15 All Star Secrets—revealed to host Michael Parkinson by Gyles Brandreth, Brian Johnston, Nanette Newman, Su Pollard and Tim Rice.
7 45 The Price Is Right.
8 45 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 News, Sport, Weather.
10 00 Aspel and Company, with chat and laughter.
10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.
11 50 Live from London—The Cry.
12 45 Postscript.
12 50 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 25 Cartoon.
9 35 Scooby Doo.
9 57 Puffin.
10 00 No. 73.
11 20 Tarzan.
12 14 Weather.
12 15 World of Sport, as TSW.
5 00 News, Weather.
5 05 Puffin.
5 10 Cartoon Alphabet.
5 35 The A-team.
6 30 The Fame Game.
7 15 All Star Secrets.
7 45 The Price Is Right.
8 45 T. J. Hooker.
9 45 News Sport Weather.
10 00 Aspel and Company.
10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.
11 50 Live from London.
12 45 Weather.

Open University

BBC 1 TV: 7.10 a.m. S354 7.35 S364. 8-8.25 P672.

BBC 2 TV: 6.25 a.m. T392. 6.50 D253. 7.15 U204. 7.40 S101. 8.5 T281. 8.30 A101. 8.55 TM361. 9.20 S271. 9.45 MDST242. 10.10 DS262. 10.35 E200. 11 S236. 11.25 S246. 11.50 A204. 12.15 A315. 12.40 A292. 1.5 A308. 1.30 SM351. 1.55 AD208. 2.20 A315. 2.45-3.10 A361. Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 MS283.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1.5 A Week in Politics. 1.50 Rygbi Rhyngwladol: Cymru v Lloegr. 3.40 Silent Laughter. 4.5 The British at War—"They Came to a City" (1944 b/w film from J. B. Priestley's play): "Dim Little Island" (1949 b/w anthology): "Family Portrait" (1950 b/w tribute to the British people). 6 Where in the World? 6.30 The Avengers. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion a Sian. 8.15 Wedi Wyth, rhaglen gylchgrawn newydd gyda Sioned William. 8.45 Bara Caws a'r to Uwchben: Cyfle arall i weld cynhyrchiad Theatr Bara Caws, Oes 'Ma Bobol? a berfformiwyd ar Stad Sgubor Goch, Caernarfon. 9.30 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.30 Supertroupers, recreating the golden age of variety. 11.25-1.10 "13 Rue Madeleine" (1946 b/w documentary-style spy thriller): James Cagney.

BBC WALES

8.30 a.m.-9 Rugby Union: Try, Try Again.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 48 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 00 News.
9 05 Breakaway.
9 50 News Stand.
10 05 Week in Westminster.
10 30 Pick of the Week, rpt.
11 30 From Our Own Correspondent.
12 00 Money Box.
12 27 Brandings: 5.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 News.
1 10 Any Questions? Rpt.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 "The Pump": rpt of a play by the late James Cameron.
3 00 Lexicon of Laughter.
3 30 Maharaj: 5.
4 15 Winter at Deepdale, North Yorkshire.
4 45 Sideways Look at . . .
5 00 Wildlife, rpt.
5 25 Week Ending, rpt.
5 50 on l/w Shipping.
5 55 Weather; Travel.
6 00 News; Sport.
6 25 Desert Island Discs, with former BBC correspondent Michael Elkins.
7 05 Stop the Week.
7 45 Baker's Dozen.
8 30 "The Serpent's Smile": mystery thriller set in Israel, by Neville Teller and based on Olga Hesky's novel.
10 00 News.
10 15 Service.
10 30 Soundings.
11 00 Science Now, rpt.
11 30 In One Ear: new series of the comedy show.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Aubade.
9 00 News.
9 05 Record Review.
10 15 Stereo Release.
11 15 BBC SO, Peter Donohoe (piano): Haydn, Bartok, Vaughan Williams (12.20-12.25 Reading).
1 00 News.
1 05 Shura Cherkassky (piano), rpt: Bach-Busoni, Schumann.
2 00 Verdi's Operas — "Otello": with Jon Vickers in the title role (3.15-3.20 Julian Budden).
5 00 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum.
6 35 Ileana Cotrubas (soprano) sings Schubert, Wolf, Debussy and Britten, with Geoffrey Parsons at the piano. (7.10-7.30 Any how, How Are Things? Poems about friendship).
8 15 BBC Welsh SO, Howard Shelley (piano): Strauss, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky (9.10-9.20 Reading).

10 15 Elgar.
11 00 Norway after Grieg.
11 57-12 News.
5.30 a.m.-Sunday—11.30 on m/w Cricket: Australia v England, from Melbourne.

TWO

4 00 Chris Jones.
6 00 George Ferguson.
8 05 David Jacobs.
10 00 Sounds of the 60s.
11 00 Album Time.
1 00 Impressionists, rpt.
1 30 Sport, including F.A. Cup preview and second-half commentary on a soccer cup-tie; Rugby Union; Cricket; Sports Report at 5.
6 00 Folk on 2.
7 00 Beat the Record.
7 30 A Night in Vienna: music from The Barbican, London (8.25-8.40 Interval).
9 30 Big Band Special.
10 05 Steve Jones.
12 05 Night Owls.
1 00 Peter Dickson.
3 00-5 Wally Whyton, rpt.
VHF: 1p.m.-7.30 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Dave Lee Travis.
1 00 Punk to Present.
2 00 Paul Gambaccini.
4 00 Saturday Live.
6 30 In Concert.
7 30 Phil Kennedy.
9 30-12 Dixie Peach.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 From the Weeklies. 7.45 Network U.K. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Handel in London. 10 News. 10.1 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter from America. 10.30 People and Politics. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 About Britain.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Network U.K. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2 News. 2.1 Music Now. 2.30 Saturday Special. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special (5-5.1 News).

8 p.m. World News. 9.15 What's New. 9.30 People and Politics. 10 World News. 10.9 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Baker's Half-dozen. 1 News. 1.1 Play of the Week: The Case of Katherine Mansfield. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 2.30 Sports Review. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 Jazz Score. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Out on the Floor. 5.45 Letter from America.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330. 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90·2 MHz).

Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90·3-92·5). Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92-94·5, 97·1). World Service: 648, 463. Radio London: 1458, 206. (94.9). LBC: 1152, 261. (97.3). Capital: 1548, 194. (95.8).

Athletics

Budd is on course to face Puica

ZOLA BUDD can set up a return clash with Olympic champion Maricica Puica by winning the English Women's Cross-Country Championships at Birkenhead today.

Since returning to Britain from South Africa, Budd's main ambition has been to gain selection for the World Cross-Country Championships at Lisbon in March.

The outstanding Miss Budd, 18, should have little problem in gaining selection because the first four across the line in Arrowe Park on Merseyside automatically win places in the England team.

Then she will be on course for a meeting with Puica, the world cross country champion, who won 3,000 metres gold at Los Angeles in the controversial final in which America's Mary Decker fell after colliding with Budd.

Set indoor records

Budd has moved from strength to strength this winter, setting two indoor records as well as being the winner of the Southern Cross country title.

Though today's event at Birkenhead is expected to attract its largest crowd, the teenager is unlikely to be seriously tested. But she is taking no risks in the freezing conditions and will wear spikes for the first time in competition in this country.

The holder, Jane Shields, misses the event because she is road racing in the United States

Budd's main rivals are likely to be Aldershot clubmate Ruth Smeeth and Welsh twins Angela and Susan Tooby.

BOWLS

PUDENTIAL NAT. TRIPLES.—6th Rd: E. Taylor (Arun) 17, D. Miller (V [illegible]) 13—D. Belverstone (Falcon) [illegible] P. Lacy (Falcon) 12—B. Cole [illegible] Co. [illegible] A. Day (Cactoni) 18—T. [illegible] (Cheshunt) 25, T. Nimmo [illegible] Carter (Cheshunt): 18. J. [illegible] 20—P. Bramford [illegible] 23, L. Haynes (Folkestone) [illegible] (Stort) 20. M. [illegible] 16—N. Hezzell (Wey [illegible] 2—F. Ey (K. George) 17—R. Lamd.n (Wey V) 21. A. Windsor (Wey V.) 9.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS.—Rugby (D. J. D. Martin & G. W. Dovenand) bt Clifton (G. J. Palmer & D. B. White) 15-17, 4-15, 15-10, 13-9, 15-6, 15-13.

SKI-ING

INTERNATIONAL (Sapporo, Japan).—Final (al Jump: A. Sato (Japan) 223·1pts; 1: M. Akimoto (Japan) 219·7; 2: C. Nishikata (Japan) 195·2; 3.

DAY OF SURPRISES FOR BRITISH TEAM

By KEN MAYS in Genoa

GREAT BRITAIN'S athletics team ran into trouble at the Customs when they arrived in Genoa yesterday for today's indoor international with Italy and Yugoslavia.

Frank Dick, the national director of coaching, along with several officials and athletes, was stopped from leaving the airport until baggage and many items of clothing had been thoroughly searched.

Despite the obvious embarrassment of the Italian athletic officials who had met the team, no official explanation was given for the customs officers' actions.

Mr Dick refused when asked to surrender his passport, but passports were taken from 800m runner Rob Harrison and Harry Harvey, one of the coaches.

Leroy Lucas, the Haringey high-jumper, had his luggage searched and then was subjected to an even closer inspection in a private room.

Ordered out

Linford Christie, the London sprinter, had to prove that bottles in his baggage contained hair lotion and deodorant.

I inquired into the British team's thorough observation but I was ordered out of the customs area by non-co-operative guards.

Mr Dick said: "I have travelled to many places throughout the world with the athletics team, but I never have been subjected to an inquisition like that. I would not surrender my passport because I had a feeling it would not come back.

Harrison, who won the national 1500-metres championship at Cosford last week and was the athlete seen by millions on television shielding Zola Budd, said: "They wanted all the bags opened. We were told nothing, except to do as we were told."

Dr Mike Turner, newly appointed treasurer of the British Board and acting as head of delegation for the first time, said: "They kept pointing to bags, and I didn't have a clue who owned them, let alone how to open them."

When everyone was finally released with their luggage no explanation was given. One theory was that recent stories concerning the clean-up of alleged drug abuse in British athletics was responsible.

Tight squeeze

It was the second shock of the day for the athletes, because it was only when they arrived at Gatwick yesterday that they realised that Yugoslavia were also involved in the match. They were then told that the track in Genoa is only four lanes wide, which means a tight squeeze with the match being two a side.

The British team includes eight athletes still in their teens, and nine who are making their first appearance in a senior match. The youngest is blonde-haired long-jumper Michelle Stone, 16, from Southend.

Michelle, who trains on Southend beach because of a lack of facilities, is the first girl from the town to win a senior international honour since Ann Wilson in the early Seventies.

Motor Racing

Tyrrell facing more litigation

The International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) is planning further legal moves against the British Tyrrell Formula One racing team.

Three days ago a Paris appeal court upheld a ban imposed by FISA on Tyrrell last year for alleged violation of fuel regulations in the Detroit Grand Prix in June.

FISA secretary-general Yvon Leon said yesterday that Tyrrell had failed to respect commitments undertaken last year to abide by the Federation's rules and adhere to the sporting code.

The aim of new legal moves, whose form had yet to be decided, would be to clarify the situation and settle the issue once and for all, he said. "If Tyrrell wants to take part in 1985, he must respect the rules. If not, he cannot stay with us," Leon said.

TOUGH TASK FOR SPENCE

Russell Spence faces a tough task justifying his position as favourite for the Marlboro British Formula Three Championship which gets under way at Silverstone on March 3.

The young Bradford driver, who finished third last year, admitted: "It will be a highly competitive season. Racing will be close."

Spence lines up the Warmastyle Ralt against 29 other drivers for the first 20-lap race of the series.

ICE HOCKEY

NAT. LGE.—Hartford 4, New Jersey 0—Philadelphia 6, Quebec 3—Detroit 5, Minnesota 5—St Louis 5, Toronto 3—Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 4—Washington 4, Calgary 3—Los Angeles 5, Boston Bruins 5.

Steve Davis, who will be chasing the £50,000 first prize with 31 other players at Derby tomorrow.

Davis and Virgo in repeat encounter

By JANICE HALE

STEVE DAVIS, who returned to his customary position of winning when capturing the Tolly Cobbold English Professional Snooker Championship last week, resumes his campaign for the new Dulux British Open title at Derby Assembly Rooms tomorrow.

His opponent in the last 32 of the £250,000 event is John Virgo, who last season slipped from 14th to 18th in the world rankings and lost 9-2 to Davis in the quater-finals of the English event.

Though Davis started this season strongly, winning three events, he lost to Cliff Thorburn in the Rothmans Grand Prix, to Willie Thorne in the Mercantile Credit Classic and to Alex Higgins in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Masters.

Four of the top 16 Dulux seeds have already been eliminated. Malcolm Bradley beat David Taylor 6-5; Robert Chaperon, of Canada, disposed of his compatriot, Bill Werbeniuk 6-1; Bob Harris beat Eddie Charlton; and Doug Mountjoy went out 6-5 to Vic Harris.

Television coverage

Earlier rounds were played over 11 frames, but at the request of ITV—television coverage begins on Friday so as not to run into expensive overtime payments when matches take longer than anticipated—the final phase of the event will be reduced to nine frames.

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association complied with this request and also agreed that the advertised 1 p.m. start be altered to 2 p.m. —for similar reasons.

Davis had had to take the last two frames to beat Tony Chappel 6-5 in the third round and it is possible to argue that, had the match only been best of nine, he could have lost.

But this argument has to be balanced by the fact that both players knew the match was over 11 frames and that, when danger threatened at 4-5, Davis, the world champion, lifted his game to secure his place in the last 32.

£50,000 prize

The Derby phase opens with an all-Worksop match between Bradley and Danny Fowler, and Davis's stablemate, Tony Meo, playing Mike Hallett, of Grimsby.

A cheque for £50,000 awaits the eventual winner of the 23-frame final on March 2 and 3, with £30,000 going to the runner-up.

DRAW.—S. Davis (Romford) v J. Virgo (Guildford); M. Bradley (Worksop) v D. Fowler (Worksop); V. Harris (Haslidon) v D. O'Kane (N. Zealand); D. Martin (Chesterfield) v R. Reardon (Stoke); T. Griffiths (Llanelli) v S. Newbury (Neath); Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) v J. Parrott (Liverpool); J. Spencer (Radcliffe) v G. Miles (Birmingham); M. Wildman (Peterborough) v K. Stevens (Canada).

C. Thorburn (Canada) v D. Reynolds (Grimsby); A. Higgins (Manchester) v N. Foulds (Perivale); W. Thorne (Leicester) v M. Macleod (Livingstone); E. Hughes (E. Ham) v V. Harris (Essex); J. White (Wimbledon) v S. Francisco; R. Chaperon (Canada) v W. Jones (Abertysswg); T. Meo (Morden) v M. Hallett (Grimsby); S. Longworth (Blackburn) v A. Knowles (Bolton).

Cyclo Cross

Icy blasts fail to dim British hopes

By PHIL LIGGETT in Munich

THE forecast of temperatures of minus 20 degrees centigrade did not arrive yesterday in Munich where the 14 nations, training for the three World Cyclo-cross Championships which begin today, have shivered all week.

Even so, the six inches of overnight snow failed to disguise the treacherous course in the Olympic complex.

Riders spent yesterday slipping and sliding around the two-mile circuit constructed entirely within the magnificent Olympic Park and many, like Britain's Dean Booth, were constantly falling down the ice-covered slopes to find themselves being awarded a 5·9 for technique by high-spirited onlookers.

The four British amateurs for today's 50 minutes race and the four juniors for tomorrow's 40-minute event have generally approved the circuit despite its dangers.

The bitterly cold wind was the main complaint and could pose a more serious problem if the Arctic conditions forecast this weekend materialise.

Cautious approach

None of the British team will predict the results, perhaps because in the past the team has often returned home to face the criticism of failure. Chris Dodd, sixth in the amateur race of 1971, still remains Britain's best senior performance.

But, Robert Dane, from Worksop, lifted the winter pastime to new heights last year when he finished second in the junior race, and with British supporters arriving today by car, there is a fresh feeling of optimism in both races.

No British professionals are entered for tomorrow afternoon's main event of the weekend. Several favourites have already scratched through injury including Radomir Simunek, the Czechoslovak world amateur champion, unbeaten since he won in Birmingham's Sutton Park in 1983.

Albert Zweifel, the ageing Swiss professional, who in 10 years has only once been outside medal positions, is another absentee.

Difficult corners

This afternoon's amateur race will highlight the dangers of the snowbound course and the opening lap could see many likely champions falling as a field of 50 race onto the icy defence down which only the bravest—or most stupid—will not hesitate before plunging to the bottom and adverse-cambered corners.

Steve Douce and Chris Young, for two years Britain's best performers at home, could pleasantly surprise if they avoid problem points. Douce was 20th and Young 30th in Holland last year.

West Germany have little hope of a professional victory even though former amateur world champion Klaus Peter Thaler makes a comeback after resigning as national coach following lack of success in Los Angeles.

The defending champion, Roland Liboton, of Belgium, is not expected to be challenged for his title.

American champion Steve Tilford faces only his 10th cyclo cross in a two-year career, but he has been wintering in Czechoslovakia and after an excellent summer road season in the United States, where he missed selection for the Games, he could produce his country's best-ever result.

Motor Rallying

VATANEN IN EARLY LEAD

By A Special Correspondent

Finland's Ari Vatanen took a narrow lead as competitors tackled the first of three legs of the World Championship Qualifying Swedish International Rally yesterday.

Vatanen, who lives in Britain, and his Northern Ireland co-driver Terry Harryman had their Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 only 20 seconds ahead of the Audi Sport Quattro of Stig Blomqvist after six special stages.

Despite recent heavy snow most of the rally's early stages were gravel surface, allowing Blomqvist to use the superior power of the Audi to stay close to the more nimble Peugeot. In more icy conditions Blomqvist, seven times winner of his national event, might have expected to move ahead.

Per Eklund, also of Sweden, had his private Audi Quattro in sixth place while Britain's Malcolm Wilson, on his first visit to Sweden, was eighth with his Quattro.

SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL RALLY (after 6 stages): 1, Vatanen & T. Harryman (Peugeot 205 Turbo) 59min 18sec. 1: S. Blomqvist & B. Cederberg (Audi Sport Quattro) 59-38. 2: T. Salonen & S. Harjanne (Peugeot 205 Turbo) 60-13. 3: W. Rohrl & C. Geistdorfer (Audi Sport Quattro) 60-50. 4: H. Mikkola & A. Hertz (Audi Sport Quattro) 61-13. 5.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BADMINTON. — Surrey Ch'ships (Wimbledon S & BC); Durham Ch'ships (Gateshead LC); Cambs T'ment (Kelsey Kerridge SC, Cambridge).

BASKETBALL (8).—Div. I: Bracknell v Solent, C Palace v Bolton, Man Utd v Worthing, Doncaster v Manchester, Kingston v Sunderland, Hemel & W v Birmingham, Leicester v Portsmouth. Women, Div. I: Northampton v Sheffield (4.45), C Palace v Enfield (6), Bolton v Bath (6), Kingston v Solent (4), Worthing v Manchester (4).

BILLIARDS. — Pro-Am T'ment (Victoria SC, Grimsby).

BOWLS.—Prudential Liberty Trophy, Semi-Finals: Durham v Northants (Erewash, 2), Somerset v Sussex (Desborough, 11). County: Beds v Berks & Bucks (Bedford, 2.45), Kent v Essex (Folkestone, 2).

CROSS-COUNTRY.—Women's Nat. Ch'ships (Birkenhead), Chiltern Lge Mcb Match (Luton), NW London YA Lge (Welwyn GC), Surrey Lge (Coulsdon), Woking & Haslemere, Sussex Lge (Horsham), Kent Lge (Hayes), Kent YA Lge (Rochester).

FENCING.—Slough Open (Montem SC); Nat Age Group Ch'ships (de Beaumont Centre, W. Kensington).

ICE HOCKEY. — Heineken Lge, Premier Div.: Ayr v Nottingham (7), Cleveland v Fife (6.30), Southampton v Durham (Oxford, 5). Div. I: Blackpool v Lee Valley (7), Grimsby v Crowtree (7.15), Peterborough v Glasgow (6.30).

LAWN TENNIS. — Pearts T'ment (Darlington).

NETBALL.—England U21 v Rep of Ireland U21 & England U18 v Rep. of Ireland U18 (Poole, 7).

RACE WALKING.—Surrey WC v Stock Exchange (South Croydon, 20km); Cambridge Harriers Lge (Bexley); Basingstoke Open 10km.

RACKETS. — Amateur Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS.—Browning Cup Prof H'cap T'm at (Oxford), MCC Cricketers v Cambridge Giraffes (Lord's).

ROWING.—Henley Fours Head.

SQUASH RACKETS. — Junior GP (New Croydon SRC, 10-6).

VOLLEYBALL.—Nat. Lge, Div. I: Speck v Capital (6), Liverpool v Manchester (5.15), Poole v Redwood Lodge (7). Women, Div. I: Trident v Portsmouth (4.30), Britannia v Ashcombe (7), Birmingham v Hillingdon (5.30), Speedwell v Spark (5.30), Nottingham v Bradford (6).

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS. — Luton Winter Open Graded Meeting (Stockwood Park, 11).

BADMINTON. — Durham Ch'ships (Gateshead).

BASKETBALL. — Nat. Lge, Div. I: Manchester v Birmingham (4); C. Palace v Sunderland (8); Portsmouth v Bolton (4). Anglo-Scottish Cup, Semi-final, 2nd Leg: Hemel & W. v Edinburgh (5.30.) Nat. Trophy, Semi-finals: Plymouth v Uxbridge (3). Women, Div. I (2): Nottingham v London; Solent v Worthing; C. Palace v Manchester. Nat. Cup, Final, 2nd Leg: Northampton v Bolton (5.30).

BOWLS.—County: Cornwall v Devon (Newquay, 3). Midland Counties Ch'ships: Warwicks v Leics (Coventry, 2).

CROSS - COUNTRY. — Southern Veterans Ch'ships (Basildon), Brooks Runs (Fleet).

FENCING.—Slough Open (Montem SC). Nat. Age Group Ch'ships (de Beaumont Centre).

ICE HOCKEY. — Heineken Lge, Premier Div.: Ayr v Dundee (7), Murrayfield v Nottingham (6.30), Streatham v Cleveland (6.15), Whitley v Fife (5.30). Div. I: Altrincham v Grimsby (5.30), Solihull v Glasgow (6), Challenge: Lee Valley v Don Mills Comets (Toronto) (7).

LAWN TENNIS. — Pearts T'ment (Darlington).

MOTOR RACING. — Rallycross Supercross (Brands Hatch).

RACKETS. — Amateur Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS. — Browning Cup Prof H'cap T'ment (Oxford).

ROAD RUNNING. — Hillingdon Express '5' (Ruislip), TSB Wokingham Half-Marathon.

ROWING. — Watneys Sculls Head (Hammersmith-Barnes).

SNOOKER. — Dulux British Open (Derby).

SQUASH RACKETS. — Junior GP (New Croydon SRC, 10-7).

VOLLEYBALL.—Women's Nat. Lge, Div. I: Trident v Ashcombe (12.30), Britannia v Portsmouth (1), Birmingham v Spark (1), Speedwell v Hillingdon (1.30).

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TELEVISION—SUNDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6.15 a.m.-8.50 Open University. 8.55 The Flumps, rpt. 9.10 De Bono's Thinking Course, rpt. 9.35 Electronic Office, rpt. 10 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Switch on to English. 10.55 France Actuelle: The Mountains of the Dauphine. 11.20 Sunday Worship: last in the series from St. James's, Piccadilly, London. 12.5 See Hear! 12.30 Farming; Weather, including Geoffrey Rippon, M.P. and Sir John Hoskyns. 12.55 Magic Roundabout, rpt. 1 This Week Next Week. 1.55 Crufts 85: Obedience and Agility. 2.25 "633 Squadron" (1964): WW2 air force adventure with two Americans. Cliff Robertson and George Chakiris, in a Mosquito squadron detailed to destroy a munitions factory under a cliff in Norway. 4 Sporting Chance, rpt. London and South East only (East—Commuter Quiz; Midlands—A38: An English Road; North—Goin' Places; South—King's Country; South West—Antiques at Home; West—A38: An English Road). 4.20 Bonanza: Search in Limbo.

5 20 ***THE PICKWICK PAPERS**—Episode seven, and time for another overdue acting compliment, to the delightfully detailed Pickwick of Nigel Stock. For they shouldn't accelerate the tick of a long-case clock, a common TV error. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

5 50 **HOLIDAY**—Including Minorca, sports holidays in South Wales, and fishing in Devon.

6 25 **APPEAL.**

6 30 **NEWS, WEATHER.**

6 40 **SONGS OF PRAISE**—From Portland, Dorset, with Geoffrey Wheeler. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

7 15 ****BY THE SWORD DIVIDED** — Forlorn Hope. After a Royalist uprising a Parliamentary major-general sets up his headquarters at Arnescote. Apart from a tendency to overdo the ceremonial trumpets this is an admirable serial, distinguished by much fine writing of 17th-century simplicity. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 05 ****LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE** — Keeping Britain Tidy. They have to deal with a dumped mattress. Sunday on BBC1 has become one of our few TV salvations. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 35 **MASTERMIND**—From St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, with special subjects Thomas Telford, Gustav Mahler, Minoan Crete 2,000-1,450 BC and Hong Kong history from 1839.

9 05 **NEWS, WEATHER.**

9 20 **THAT'S LIFE**—Presented by Esther Rantzen.

10 05 **EVERYMAN**—Hearts and Minds. The second of the two films on south-east Asia ten years after the Vietnam War looks at Laos, plus the future of Buddhism under the Communists.

10 45 **POLITICS OF PRESSURE**—The first in a new series of five programmes on pressure groups and political lobbying, here going back to the 1960s origins, with Mary Whitehouse, Des Wilson, Michael Young and Hilary Jackson.

11 10 **INTERNATIONAL DARTS** — Scotland v Wales, highlights. 12 Weather.

BBC-2

6.50 a.m. Open University. 1.55 International Darts, Scotland v Wales. 2.35 *Horizon*: Theatre of War, rpt. 3.25 The Great Art Collection: Holland, with Edwin Mullins. 4 Bridge Club. 4.25 International Darts continued. 5.25 Ski Sunday: The Men's Downhill.

6 00 **NEWS REVIEW.**

6 30 **THE MONEY PROGRAMME**—Sponsorship of the Arts: examining what is in it for the sponsoring companies, large and small.

7 15 ***THE NATURAL WORLD** — Within a Garden Wall. A remarkable film of "an overlooked nature reserve"—a 400-year-old Cotswold dry-stone wall, breached by a falling tree and then providing homes for hundreds of animals and plants.

8 05 **PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF.** At Turnberry, with Johnny Miller, Nick Faldo, William Roache and Gareth Edwards.

8 55 **DID YOU SEE . . .?**—Ludovic Kennedy and guests discuss *The Mistress*, *All Star Secrets* and *The Road to Gdansk*. Last week's opening survey included several Irishmen clobbering our Prime Minister, film borrowed from Channel 4, and later Mrs. T. was further attacked during a discussion on Hell's Angels. To be fair she wasn't found responsible for the violent spoof of Mr. T. in The A-team. "American imperialism" got the blame for that. Is this an arts programme or a Party Political Broadcast?

9 40 **THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF CRICKET**—Australia v England. Highlights from Melbourne of the first one-day (or night) game.

10 30-11.50 **THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.** Somewhere in England, summer 1944, and in a military hospital lies a paralysed man unable to move or speak, with no identity. Nicholas Clay as a too-talkative Welsh officer, Ann Thornton as a young war-widow who gives voluntary help at the hospital. Written by Raymond Hitchcock, this is often touching but too often flat, the girl's scenes at home fitting awkwardly with the tragic figure whose secret is finally, and abruptly, revealed.

ITV London Weekend

6.55 a.m. Good Morning Britain, with Thought for a Sunday and at 7 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Under Fives, rpt. 10 Morning Worship from St. George's, Beckenham. 11 Link. 11.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 12 Weekend World, with Brian Walden. 1 Police Five. 1.15 The Big Match, highlights from three F.A. Cup fifth-round ties. 2 Encounter: Robert Dowling, head of Collingwood School. 2.30 "Doctor Zhivago" (1965): the David Lean day starts with this three and a half hour epic from the Boris Pasternak novel, set in Russia. Great to look at, and winning numerous Oscars, very well acted, often touching, occasionally confusing. With Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Tom Courtenay, Alec Guinness, Rod Steiger and Ralph Richardson. (Oracle sub-titles.)

6 00 **SUPERGRAN**—Supergran and the Supermatch. It's a football cup final. (Oracle sub-titles.)

6 30 **NEWS.**

6 40 **HIGHWAY**—Harry Secombe visits Dunfermline.

7 15 **GAME FOR A LAUGH.**

8 00 **THE PRACTICE**—The Blame Begins. The Willie Wilson story is creating disturbances. (Oracle sub-titles.)

8 30 ***COVER HER FACE**—A very pleasant start to the third of these P. D. James murder serials which, made by Anglia, have the great advantage of that area's architectural charm. Here it is the gorgeous, Elizabethan, Rawthorpe Hall, fictionally transferred from Norfolk to Suffolk, which is the main country-house setting once the opening murder in London is out of the way. Roy Marsden and assistant John Vine, as before investigating, after a Cypriot drug-ring. The always excellent Mel Martin in a strong cast of suspects and watchers. (Oracle sub-titles.)

9 30 **NEWS.**

9 45 ***DAVID LEAN: A LIFE IN FILM**—Long documentary on the film director, made over two years and following him through the making of his latest, "A Passage to India". He talks about this and his other 15 films. Alec Guinness talks about the rows they had during "Bridge over the River Kwai". (Oracle sub-titles.)

12 15 **THAT'S HOLLYWOOD** — The Great Entertainers. Preceded by **London News Headlines**. 12.40 **Night Thoughts**, with Rabbi Julia Neuberger.

Channel 4

1 p.m. Irish Angle. 1.30 Face the Press, with Dr. David Owen. 2 A Question of Economics: Does the Decline in Manufacturing Matter? 2.25 "42nd Street" (1933, b/w): classical musical film about putting on a Broadway show, the chorus girl replacing the indisposed star, very well done. With Warner Baxter, Bebe Daniels, Ruby Keeler and in smaller parts Dick Powell and Ginger Rogers. 4.5 Silent Laughter. 4.30 Athletics: John Walker, 100th Four-minute Mile, over nearly 12 years. 5 The Amateur Naturalist: Wetland Wilderness, rpt. 5.30 The Business Programme, preceded by News and Weather.

6 15 **BASKETBALL:** The Anglo-Scottish Cup. Start of a new series.

7 15 **THE GANGES GHARIAL**—The crocodile. Repeat.

8 15 **SUPER TROUPERS**—Ken Dodd, Tommy Trinder and others in old-style variety from Newcastle.

9 15 **THE PRICE**—Repeat of the final episode.

10 20 **CITY GENERAL**—A Place They Would Never Want to Go. Part two on the Stoke-on-Trent hospital.

10 50-12.30 **"TORRID ZONE"** (1940, b/w). Action-comedy set in Central America with James Cagney, who wants to quit the banana plantation, Pat O'Brien as his manager and Ann Sheridan as a wandering show-girl. "Socko" said Variety.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Action Line.
9 35 Atom Ant.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under Fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Agenda.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 David Lean's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965 film version of Boris Pasternak's novel): Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Tom Courtenay. Followed by TVS News.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 35 News.
6 40 Highway: Dunfermline.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 00 The Practice.
8 30 P. D. James' "Cover Her Face" (new six-part series): Roy Marsden, Phyllis Calvert.
9 30 News.
9 45 David Lean—A Life in Film (documentary): Melvyn Bragg profiles the distinguished British director and looks at his latest film "A Passage to India".
12 15 Company.

Anglia

6 55-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 Perspective.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under Fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Cartoon Time.
1 10 Weather.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 David Lean's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965 film version of Boris Pasternak's novel): Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Tom Courtenay.
6 00 Supergran.
6 30 News, Weather.
6 40 Highway: Dunfermline.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 00 The Practice.
8 30 P. D. James' "Cover Her Face" (new six-part series): Roy Marsden, Phyllis Calvert.
9 30 News, Weather.
9 45 David Lean—A Life in Film (documentary): Melvyn Bragg profiles the distinguished British director and looks at his latest film "A Passage to India".
12 15 Acts of God.

Central

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Wattoo, Wattoo.
9 30 The Flying Kiwi.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under Fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Here and Now.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 David Lean's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965 film version of Boris Pasternak's novel): Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Tom Courtenay.
6 00 Supergran.
6 30 News; HTV News.
6 40 Highway: Dunfermline.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 00 The Practice.
8 30 P. D. James' "Cover Her Face" (new six-part series): Roy Marsden, Phyllis Calvert.
9 30 News.
9 45-12.15 David Lean — A Life in Film (documentary): Melvyn Bragg profiles the distinguished British director and looks at his latest film "A Passage to India".

Yorkshire

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Link.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Under Fives, rpt.
11 30 Clegg's People.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 The Smurfs.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 David Lean's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965 film version of Boris Pasternak's novel): Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Tom Courtenay.
6 00 Supergran.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway: Dunfermline.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 00 The Practice.
8 30 P. D. James' "Cover Her Face" (new six-part series): Roy Marsden, Phyllis Calvert.
9 30 News.
9 45 David Lean—A Life in Film (documentary): Melvyn Bragg profiles the distinguished British director and looks at his latest film "A Passage to India".
12 15 Poor Billy Bender: drama.
12 45 Five Minutes.

HTV

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Home Cookery Club.
9 30 At Home with the Spinners, rpt.
10 00 Service from St. George's Church, Beckenham, Kent.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under Fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Farming Wales.
1 15 The Big Match.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 David Lean's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965 film version of Boris Pasternak's novel): Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Tom Courtenay.
6 00 Supergran.
6 30 News; HTV News.
6 40 Highway: Dunfermline.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 00 The Practice.
8 30 P. D. James' "Cover Her Face" (new six-part series): Roy Marsden, Phyllis Calvert.
9 30 News.
9 45 David Lean — A Life in Film (documentary): Melvyn Bragg profiles the distinguished British director and looks at his latest film "A Passage to India".
12 15 Weather.
HTV Wales: 9.30 a.m.-10 Encounter. 2 p.m.-2.30 Celebration.

TSW

6 55-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 Link.
10 00 Service from St. George's Church, Beckenham, Kent.
11 00 Under Fives, rpt.
11 25 Look and See.
11 30 Farming News.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Gardens for All, rpt.
1 30 The South West Week.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 David Lean's "Doctor Zhivago" (1965 film version of Boris Pasternak's novel): Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Tom Courtenay.
6 00 Supergran.
6 30 News, Weather.
6 40 Highway: Dunfermline.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 00 The Practice.
8 30 P. D. James' "Cover Her Face" (new six-part series): Roy Marsden, Phyllis Calvert.
9 30 News, Weather.
9 45 David Lean — A Life in Film (documentary): Melvyn Bragg profiles the distinguished British director and looks at his latest film "A Passage to India".
12 15 Postscript.
12 20 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

12 55 Weather.
12 56 Starting Point.
1 00 Gardens for All, rpt.
1 30 Getting On.
2 00 p.m.-12.15 p.m. As TSW (6.26 - 6.30 Channel News).
12 15 Weather.

Open University

BBC 1 TV: 6.45 a.m. T101. 7.10 S355. 7.35 T361. 8 S322. 8.25-8.50 S304.
BBC 2 TV: 6.50 a.m. E354. 7.15 D202. 8.5 U221. 8.30 D203. 8.55 MST204. 9.20 D102. 9.45 M101. 10.10 M203. 10.35 M245. 11 T263. 11.25 E224. 11.50 S202. 12.15 D305. 12.40 E204. 1.5 A352. 1.30-1.55 T275.
Radio 4 VHF: 6.45 a.m. AD208. 7.5 S101. 7.25-7.45 T101.
Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 PE231.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1.55 p.m. The Living Body. 2.25 Gardener's Calendar. 2.50 Annapurna. 3.20 "Jolson Sings Again" (1949 sequel to the "Jolson Story"): Larry Parks plays the entertainer. 5 Piglets and Cream. 5.30 The Business Programme. 6.15 Basketball: Hemel & Watford Royals v MIM Edinburgh. 7.20 Newyddion. Union: Wales v England & 7.30 Hafod, Henri. 8 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.40 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.10 Hill Street Blues. 10.10 As the Years Pass, As the Days Pass. 11.35-12.20 Shape of the World: The Laws of War.

BBC WALES
1.55 p.m.-2.25 Weekend Rugby Amaeth. 7.25 Newyddion. highlights from France v Scotland. 4-4.30 A Question of Sport. 6.40-7.15 Songs of Praise from Treorchy. 10.5 A View of the Rhondda: All Things in Common. The story of Central Hall, Tonypandy, the Methodist Church. 10.45 Everyman. 11.25 Darts. 12 Politics of Pressure (new series). 12.25-12.30 News of Wales, Weather.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Morning Has Broken.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Sunday Papers.
7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
7 45 Bells.
7 50 Turning over New Leaves.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause.
8 55 Weather; Travel.
9 00 News.
9 10 Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America.
9 30 Service from Parish Church of St. James, Grimsby.
10 15 The Archers.
11 15 Weekend.
12 00 Smash of the Day: In All Directions.
12 30 The Food Programme.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 World This Weekend.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Gardeners' Question Time visits Bucks.
2 30 "A Dry White Season": rpt. of André Brink's play.
4 00 Origins: new series.
4 30 The Living World.
5 00 News; Travel.
5 05 Down Your Way in Totnes.
5 50 Shipping; Weather.
6 00 News.
6 15 Feedback, rpt.
6 30 Bookshelf.
7 00 "The Great Impersonation": part 3.
7 30 Life with the Lindsays, rpt.
8 05 Law in Action, rpt.
8 30 Central American Journey: eight programmes on politically sensitive countries. (1). Belize.
9 00 "Cousin Bazilio" (3).
9 58 Weather.
10 00 News.
10 15 Symphonies and Silence: Peter Maxwell Davies at Large.
11 00 Savage Pilgrimage.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.
VHF: 6.45 a.m.-7.45 Open University. 4 p.m.-6 Study on 4 —Prefaces to Shakespeare: 4.30 View at the Top: 5 From Coping to Confidence; 5.30 Por Aqui.

THREE

5.30 a.m.-11.30 on m/w **Cricket: Australia v England.**
6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Mozart and Ravel.
8 00 Bach Cantatas.
9 00 News.
9 05 Your Concert Choice:
10 20 Music Weekly.
11 15 From the Proms 1984: Tchaikovsky, Strauss, Richard Meale, Stravinsky (11.50-12.5 Penge Papers).
1 00 Haydn Trio of Vienna.
1 40 LPO play Haydn and Rachmaninov.
2 25 Music for Two Pianos: Geoffrey Bush, Debussy, Poulenc.
3 10 Salisbury Festival 1984: Albinoni, Handel, Bach, Vivaldi (3.45-3.50 Reading).
4 40 Lieder from Salzburg.
5 30 Science Sublime, rpt.: Prof. Abdus Salam.
6 00 Worcester Cathedral 900th Anniversary Concert.
7 00 The Theban Plays (3) Antigone.

8 40 Elgar and Walton.
9 30 Knut Hamsun's "A Win for the Woman": read by Struan Rodger.
9 45 Karl Amadeus Hartmann.
10 10 Rudolf Firkusny (piano): Smetana, Janacek.
11 00 Borodin Quartet.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Chris Jones.
6 00 George Ferguson.
7 30 Paul McDowell.
9 00 Melodies for You.
11 00 Desmond Carrington.
1 00 John Dunn with Two's Best.
2 00 Benny Green.
3 00 Alan Dell.
4 00 Listen to Les.
4 30 Sing Something Simple.
5 00 Charlie Chester.
6 30 Vintage Sporting Years (new series).
7 00 Cynthia Glover Sings.
7 30 Glamorous Nights.
8 30 Sunday Half-hour.
9 00 Your 100 Best Tunes.
10 05 Songs from the Shows.
10 45 Geoff Eales.
11 00 Sounds of Jazz.
1 00 Peter Dickson.
3 00-4 Two's Best, rpt.
VHF: 5 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Steve Wright.
12 30 Jimmy Savile.
2 30 Adrian Juste.
4 30 Rock 'n' Roll Trivia.
5 00 Top 40.
7 00 Anne Nightingale.
9 00 Robbie Vincent.
11 00-12 Gary Byrd.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.50 Letter from London. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 Sports Review. 9.45 My Country in Mind. 10 News. 10.1 Short Story. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 12 noon News. 12.1 Play of the Week: The Case of Katherine Mansfield. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Puckoon. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2 News. 2.30 Wives and Daughters. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Time Remembered. 4.45 Letter from America. 5 World News. 5.9 Meridian. 5.40 Reflections. 8 p.m. World News. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10 World News. 10.9 Medicine in the Third World. 10.25 Words. 10.30 Financial Review. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Time Remembered. 12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1 News. 1.1 Bedtime Story. 1.45 The Classical Guitar. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Music Now. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Puckoon. 5.45 Recording of the Week.

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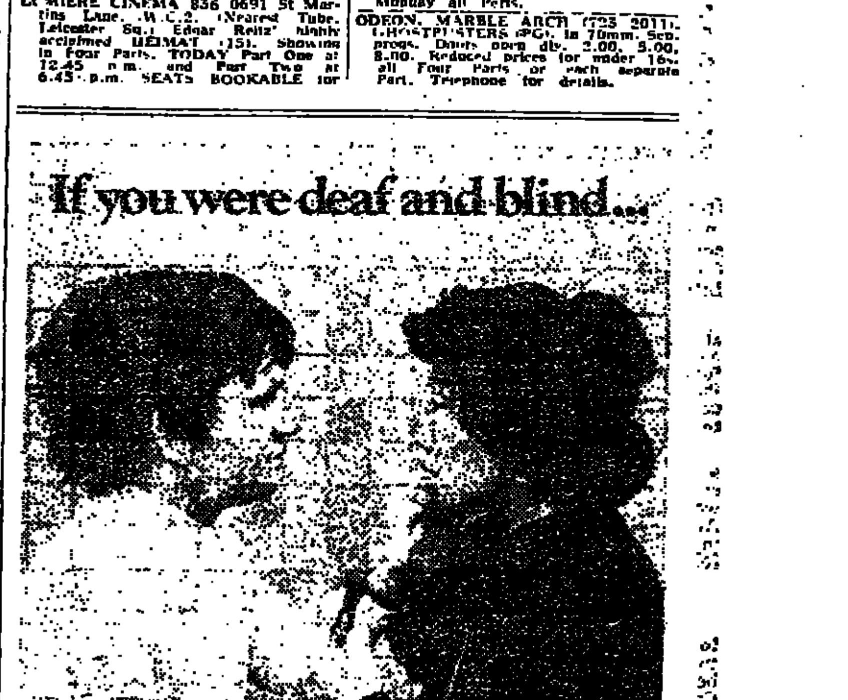

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BETTERIDGE.—On Feb. 9, to Anne (née Coombes) and Jeremy, a brother for Jenny.

BIRKES. — On Feb. 11, at St John's, Chelmsford, to JACQUELINE and DAVID, a son (Matthew James Seymour).

BRADLEY-HOLE.—On Feb. 12, at Lord Soper unit, Homerton Hospital, to Lorraine (née Hall) and Anthony, a son (Angelo William Gabriel), a brother for Carlos, Penelope and Oliver.

BRASS.—On Feb. 9, in Geneva, to Jenny (née Tourand) and Hugh, a daughter (Celine Catherine).

GREVILLE-HEYGATE.—On Feb. 6, in Salisbury, to JENNY and CHARLES, a son (Christopher), brother for Claire and Robert.

HALL.—On Feb. 14, to SARAH, wife of John HALL, a son.

HAMMATT.—On Feb. 13, at St Thomas' Hospital, to PAULINE (née Brown) and MICHAEL, a son (Jeremy), a brother for Timothy.

HARRIS.—On Feb. 13, at Kingston Hospital, to SALLY (née Carter) and RICHARD, a son (David James), a brother for Laura (and Katie).

HOLLIS.—On Feb. 11, to DEBBIE (née Amberton) and RICHARD, a daughter (Jane Diana Elizabeth), a sister for Jonathan.

INNES.—On Feb. 14, 1985, in Edinburgh, to Gaela (née Butcher) and Colin, a son, a brother for Dominic.

PEEL YATES.—On Feb. 14, to MARY (née Reeves) and JEREMY, a son (Simon).

SIBLEY. — On Feb. 5, to KONSTANTIN (née Strikat) and JOHN, a son (Jan David Albert). Our thanks to St Mary's Maternity Hospital Staff, Portsmouth.

SOLIZATO.—On Jan. 30, at Florianopolis, Brazil, to TERESA (née Hudson) and FRANCISCO, a son (Daniel).

TALBOT WILLIAMS.—On Feb. 6, at Poole Hospital, to PAULINE (née Miller) and MICHAEL, a daughter (Katherine Jane).

WHITE.—On Feb. 14, to GILLIAN (née Davies) and ANDREW, (Louisa and Laura), a sister for Thomas.

WINTLE.—On Feb. 13, 1985, to Rosemary (née Jackson) and Nick, a son.

MARRIAGES

SILVER WEDDING

KELSEY—REED. — On Feb. 16, 1960, at St Peter's Church, Chelmsford, Jessie to Dennis.

RUBY WEDDING

HARGREAVES—CARR. — On Feb. 17, 1945, at All Saints', Whitstable, Eric to Bobbie. Now living in Aldwick, Sussex.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BAILEY—CLARK.—On Feb. 16, 1935, at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, Dr Robert H. BAILEY to BARBARA CLARK. Formerly of Acton and Ealing. Present address: 502 Freeport, Marbor, P.O. Box 1.259, Freeport, Bahamas.

RAW—MANGNALL.—On Feb. 16, 1935, at Swinton Parish Church, KENNETH to MOLLY. Now at 44, Castle Bank, Stafford.

IN MEMORIAM

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

HEWITT, Lieut Bill, Comm. Sqn. Miss-63 Burma-Assam. Feb. 9, 1945. Loved always.—B.

WATTS, Michael James, F/O, R.A.F.—In memory of Mike, who lost his life in Germany Feb. 16, 1960.—Mum, Dad, Liz and John.

DEATHS

ADAMSON.—On Feb. 13, 1985, suddenly at her home in Warsash, Ivy, aged 85 years. Dearly loved by all her family. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the British Diabetic Association may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34, Parkstone Rd, Poole.

ALFRED.—On Feb. 15, peacefully in hospital, PETER FRANCIS, beloved husband of Enid and loving father of Simon and his family. Funeral Thursday, Feb. 21, at St George's Church, Ramsgate, at 2.45 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to Save the Children, 17, Grove Lane, Camberwell, S.E.5 or National Trust, Lamberhurst, Kent.

ANDERSON.—On Feb. 13, JOHN ANDERSON, C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., M.I.Chem.E., of Boar rd, Merton Mosque, father of Egypt and Malaysia. Funeral Loughborough Crematorium, Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers, please.

ARROW.—On Feb. 13, 1985, suddenly in hospital, JAMES GILBERT ARROW, F.R.I.C.S., aged 74, husband of Muriel and father of Richard, Frances and Caroline. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

ATFORD.—On Feb. 13, suddenly at home, Barbara May, aged 77 years, sister of Ernest and the late Joan, aunt of Martin and Roger, Josephine and Margaret. Funeral service at Clifton Church on Friday, Feb. 22, at 11.30 a.m., to be followed by private cremation. No flowers, please, but donations if desired, may be sent to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JE.

BARRY.—On Feb. 14, 1985, at her residence, Normandy, Worcester Pearl, Crossington, Co. Cork, SHEILA (née Mellmore, formerly of Ipswich), Essex, beloved wife of Dr Reginald Barry. Details morrow. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, relatives and friends. R.I.P.

BARTON. — On Feb. 15, 1985, in hospital, after much suffering, Eric George (Dan), dearly loved and deeply grieved by his family and many friends. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. (East Chapel). Inquiries to Leo A. Ellwood & Son Ltd, 21c Bridge Street, Pinner, Middx, tel. 01-866 0324.

BOND.—On Feb. 11, 1985, suddenly, Gerald Frank Ernest, dearly loved elder son of Eleanor and the late Thomas Bond, much loved brother of Harold and nephew of Mary. Service Putney Vale Crematorium, Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.

BOSHELL.—On Feb. 13, peacefully in hospital, MARGARET, precious and adored mother of Elizabeth, John, Janet, Anna and Charles. A devoted sister and loving grandmother. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary R.C. Church, St Barnabas Road, Sutton, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m., followed by private burial. Flowers may be sent to Sutton Funeral Service, 31, High Street, Cheam, Surrey.

BOWINS.—On Feb. 13, in hospital, JANET, formerly of Southlands College, much loved sister of Molly and very dear friend of Nina Whitworth. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Sue Ryder Foundation, Cavendish, Suffolk.

BOWLES.—On Feb. 12, peacefully at home, Enid Mary, dearly loved wife of Ken Bowles and mother of Penny, Bill and Peter. Funeral family only. No flowers or letters, please.

BRADNACK.—On Thursday, Feb. 14, peacefully, MARGARET, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, widow of Brian Bradnack, previously of Worcester, and Rowlands Castle, Hampshire. Funeral St John's Church, Felixstowe, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1.15 p.m. Flowers to Co-Op Funeral Parlour, Caldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

BREWER.—On Feb. 11, suddenly, WILLIAM JOHN, aged 76 years, of 3, Higher Port View, Saltash, formerly of Brixham, dear husband of Edith (Bunch), father of Peter and Pauline and grandfather of Andrew. Funeral service at Weston Mill Crematorium on Monday, Feb. 18, at 10.30 a.m. Donations in lieu of flowers for Brixham Lifeboat, c/o Mr P. J. Benneth, FD, 2, Fort View, Landrake, Saltash.

BROWNLIE.—On Feb. 14, 1985, in hospital after a short illness, Mary (née Greenhalgh) aged 78 years, of Holme Hall Road, Chesterfield, dear wife of Harold and mother of Dennis and Neil. Service at Stockport Crematorium on Monday, Feb. 18, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only please. Donations may be made to Stepping Hill Hospital, C3 Ward. Inquiries and donations to Ben Lloyd Ltd, tel. 061-485 3133 and Beaston 872717.

CAPPER.—On Feb. 14, suddenly at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Heavitree, ANNETTE MARY, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs S. V. P. CAPPER. Funeral service at the Downe and Devon Crematorium, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 2.30 p.m.

CHAMBERS.—On Feb. 14, in hospital, VIVIAN, beloved husband of Nora and devoted father and grandfather. Funeral private. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Petts Wood Memorial Hall Fund, c/o Barclays Bank, Petts Wood.

(Continued on Column Seven)

PRIZE COMPETITION.—No. 18,377

Three prizes of book tokens to a value of £25 will be awarded to the senders of the first three correct solutions opened. Twelve £7.50 book tokens will be awarded as consolation prizes. Solutions must reach THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, 135, Fleet Street, London, EC4P 4BL not later than first post on Friday. Envelopes must be sealed, and be marked Prize Competition (D.T.) in the top left-hand corner. Winners names appear on Monday, February 25.

ACROSS

1 His room gets rebuilt in arabesque style (7)
5 Send something in advance (7)
9 Decline in morale that comes from seeing ghosts waving banners? (8, 7)
10 Records that may well end up on the fire (4)
11 Presses for severe penal restrictions (5)
12 Thrash a monk whose attitude to life is unchristian (4)
15 An arbiter accustomed to being turned down (7)
16 Comparatively neat description of what the Vicar of Bray was politically? (7)
17 Legally asked for a client's forgiveness (7)
19 Surrounded by anxiety about a doctor? (7)
21 What a cobbler will need to survive (4)
22 Old Mexican sleuth following me out of a maze? (5)
23 An expression synonymous with weeks of study (4)
26 Go unrecognised (6, 9)
27 They are about to censure medical treatment (7)
28 Unpractical person who makes me outwardly gloomy (7)

DOWN

1 Type of scarf used to deaden the sound of an engine (7)
2 Part of Africa in which there are no Protestant extremists? (6, 4, 5)
3 I go after a villain of the deepest dye (4)
4 The number one rings spelt out? (7)
5 Quick to get hold of a lighthouse in Munster (7)
6 Men trained to shoot in wet weather (4)
7 Hypnotic force that attracts visitors to Whipsnade? (6, 9)
8 What Bruce learned not to do from a spider? (7)
13 A team that gives confidence to those watching the play (5)
14 Peter Simple? (5)
17 Loose coat for a wan-looking toddler (7)
18 The giddy way in which Gladstone's great rival is nominally remembered? (7)
19 Presented with a fine sentence? (7)
20 A drum on which designs may be embroidered (7)
24 Apparently she's against overtime (4)
25 A greatly feared fairy-tale character (4)

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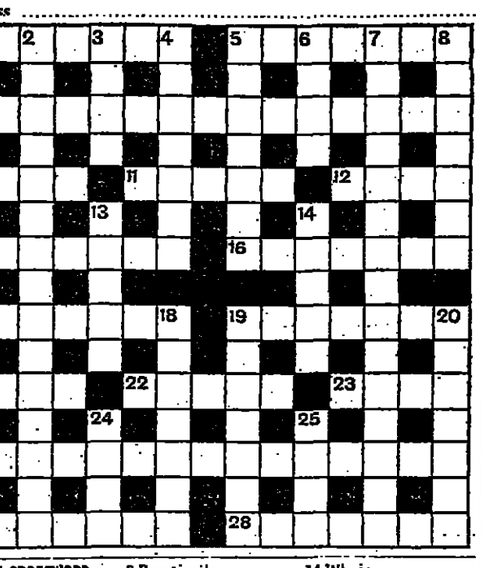

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ACROSS

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7 Small nails
8 Practically
9 Regret
10 Close
11 Latin poet
13 Wound
14 Whole
17 Inturiate
18 Cicatrice
20 Cravat
22 Exciting experience
23 Register
24 Tawdy finery

DOWN

1 Assembly of witches
2 Incursions
3 Common sense
4 Cowardly
5 Frighten
6 Concentrated extract
7 Despotism
12 Hearty
13 Tanned skin
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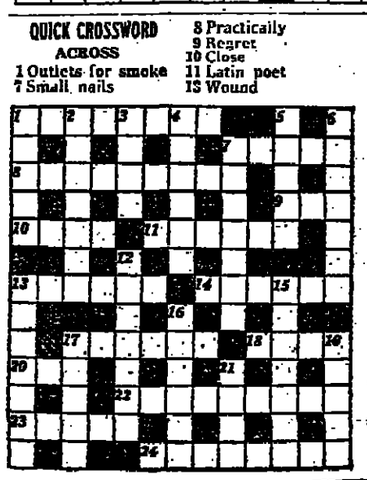

THATCHER TO PIN REAGAN ON ARMS CONTROL

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

WHEN the Prime Minister has talks with President Reagan in Washington on Wednesday she will want to concentrate on the subject of nuclear arms control, including America's space defence plans.

Mrs Thatcher has been promised a detailed account from Mr Reagan of his proposals for the arms negotiations to be resumed between the United States and Russia in Geneva next month.

Both of them denied reports of a rift between them when, in a brief meeting at the White House before Christmas, they discussed the space defence concept, officially called Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) and also known as "Star Wars."

She won agreement that the space-based anti-missile system would not be produced or deployed without treaty negotiations with the Russians.

The agreement reached on the whole issue of arms control will be the background to their talks on Wednesday.

Mrs Thatcher has approved of research continuing on the space programme and she will advocate a share for British industry.

She is always in the business of trying to secure more contracts and jobs for British companies.

Budget deficit

On her three-day visit the Prime Minister will be accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and Mr Heseltine, Defence Secretary.

She will travel by RAF VC-10, leaving Britain immediately after answering questions in the Commons on Tuesday afternoon and returning on Friday morning.

As she has done several times before — without much success —she will raise with President Reagan the issue of America's high budget deficit which affects British interests rates and the level of sterling against the dollar and other currencies.

She will express her concern at the situation but will not, in the words of one official yesterday, be "hitting the President with her handbag" on the subject.

She will also want to talk to him about trying to make progress in the Middle East and seeking greater international co-operation to combat terrorism.

Outside of her talks at the White House, the highlight of Mrs Thatcher's programme will be an address she will give to a joint meeting of Congress in the Chamber of the House of Representatives on Wednesday.

She is the first British Prime Minister to be accorded this honour since Churchill in 1952.

Her speech, which will be mainly about international affairs and Britain's relationship with America, will also cover Northern Ireland.

She is anxious to use such a prestigious platform to reinforce the appeals which British Ministers have been making to Americans for many years, not to give financial or any other support to the IRA.

Demo threat

The Prime Minister has been warned by British officials in Washington that pro-IRA demonstrations are being planned for her visit.

Mrs Thatcher will also receive an international award, in memory of Christian A. Herter, President Eisenhower's Secretary of State, to mark her "contributions to world understanding."

Previous recipients include President Sadat, President Carter and Dr Kissinger.

Mrs Thatcher will be guest of honour at a dinner in the British embassy to mark the 200th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Britain and America.

As always on her visits to the U.S., she will be interviewed on all the main TV news programmes—coverage given to few political visitors to Washington.

THATCHER BACKS MISSILES PLAN

By Our Washington Staff

Mrs Thatcher said yesterday that she "absolutely supports" research for President Reagan's proposed space-based anti-missile defence system.

But, she declared in an American magazine interview, once it got beyond the Research stage, the system would fall under the anti-ballistic missile treaty and "that has to be negotiated."

Kinnock sent fifth letter from No 10

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

THE Prime Minister told Mr Kinnock in a letter last night that she stands by her insistence that Ministers were not involved in the decision to prosecute Mr Clive Ponting.

If he has any further questions he should wait for Monday's Commons debate on the whole Belgrano issue, she said.

It was her fifth and almost certainly final letter of a tempestuous political week. She wrote:

Dear Mr KINNOCK,

I have received your further letter of Feb. 14 about the law officers' decision to prosecute Mr Ponting.

You are trying to make a distinction between the decision of the law officers on Aug. 17 and the period leading up to that decision. You accept my assurance that neither I nor other Ministers were involved in the decision on Aug. 17: you refuse to accept my assurance as regards the period leading up to that date.

Ministers were not involved at any stage in the law officers' decision to prosecute Mr Ponting and did not seek to influence their decision either directly or indirectly by any of the means implied in the 16 questions attached to your letter. If you want these matters to be pursued, there is a full opportunity for debate on Monday.

Yours Sincerely,
MARGARET THATCHER.

'Legitimate sinking'

The three political forces at Westminster are drawing their battle lines for Monday's debate, in which neither Mrs Thatcher nor Mr Kinnock are due to speak.

The Government's motion rests on the "necessary and legitimate" sinking of the Belgrano at the start of the Falklands conflict, and argues that what has been done since has been to protect the armed forces and national security.

Labour's amendment accuses Ministers of having "betrayed their responsibility to Parliament" by having sought to mislead the Commons and its foreign affairs committee, and omits any reference to the merits of the sinking of the Argentine cruiser.

The Liberal SDP Alliance takes a middle line, supporting the torpedoing of the Belgrano and accepting the need for security, but equally joining Labour in condemning Ministers for their subsequent handling of the issue.

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WALESA TO FACE QUESTIONS

POLAND'S Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa, said yesterday he had been summoned by prosecutors for questioning as police charged three senior activists of the banned free trade union with planning a national strike.

Walesa, speaking through an aide, reported that the public prosecutor in Gdansk wanted to see him today "as a suspect" on the same charges faced by Adam Michnik, Bogdan Lis and Wladyslaw Frasyniuk.

The three were arrested on Wednesday at a Solidarity meeting in a flat near Walesa's home raided by police. Walesa, who was present, was allowed to go free.

The official PAP news agency said that Michnik, Lis and Frasyniuk, who were all freed from jail last year under a political amnesty, were accused of fomenting unrest and illegal protests.

The charges carried maximum prison sentences of three years, the Justice Ministry said.

They refer to the union's call for a 15-minute strike across Poland on Feb. 28 against food-price increases the government is due to introduce in March and longer working hours.

The strike proposal, which came from Solidarity's underground Provisional Co-ordinating Commission, is the union's first call for industrial action for 18 months.

PAP did not mention four other activists also picked up in the raid.

After a two-day conclave Poland's Roman Catholic bishops accused the Communist authorities yesterday of trying to sabotage relations with the Church in a media campaign against it.—Reuter.

GALLAGHER CALLS OFF JAIL FAST

By Our Dublin Correspondent

Convicted terrorist kidnapper Eddie Gallagher yesterday called off his hunger strike on the 39th day in Curragh Military Hospital after a visit from Mr Charles Haughey, Irish Opposition leader.

Earlier the Irish Justice Department had expressed concern at Gallagher's deteriorating condition. He was said to be close to lapsing into a coma. His family said he was losing his sight and "fading rapidly."

A statement on behalf of Gallagher and another prison hunger striker, Pascal Holmes, said they had called it off to allow negotiations on their demands for improved visiting and parole facilties.

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DEATHS (Continued)

DECH.—On Feb. 15, 1985, peacefully, RUTH MARGARET AUGUSTA, dearly loved wife of Andrew, of 60, Lonsdale Gardens, Lewisham, by Sydenham, dear mother of Stephanie, Rosemary, Patricia and Lia and grandmother of Jonathan and Lia and Jonathan (deceased). Feb. 16, at 1.30 p.m., at Brockley Presbyterian Church, Stanstead. No flowers by request.

DONOVAN.—On Feb. 15, 1985, at Mount Lyccot Hospital, Nr Llangollen, William Thomas, aged 81 years.

EAMES.—On Feb. 7, 1985, Edith Constance. Service Feb. 20, St Cuthbert's Church, Leigh-on-Sea, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation at Leigh Road Cemetery. Flowers to Tyrrell & Son, Leigh-on-Sea.

EDWARDS. — In February, HENRY HOPE, of 58, Fellows Road. Will be sadly missed by Bobbie, Jane, Angela and Petra. Service to be held at Golders Crematorium on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

FOSTER.—On Feb. 13, after a long illness, in Wexham, Buckinghamshire, WALTER LESLIE FOSTER, the husband of Lorna and father of Jean, Colin, Robert, Judy, Jennifer, aged 80 years. To the Salvation Army.

FRAMPTON.—On Feb. 14, 1985, peacefully at Saltdean, Sussex, HILDA, beloved wife of the late Dr McGillivray Frampton, Fusiliers Museum, Sussex Martlets, Church Mews, Hove, and Trinity Trinity, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers (or donations to L.C. Hill & Son, funeral directors, 140 Seven Sisters Rd, Wilfred, tel. 340361.

FREEMAN. — On Feb. 14, 1985, peacefully at a Hove nursing home, Major HENRY GEORGE (Bill) FREEMAN, T.D., M.C., R.A. (Retd), dearly loved husband of Mary, brother at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 12.30 p.m. No flowers, but donations if desired to Age Concern, 101a, Western Road, Hove, East Sussex.

GOFF.—On Tuesday, Feb. 12, peacefully in the Rail Road, Geoffrey FRADERIK, dear husband of Norah, The funeral service will be held at St Peter's Church, Wordsley, on Friday, Feb. 18, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, by special request, but if desired donations, please to Wordsley Parish Church. Any enquiries to Bodley & Sons, Everdon, Dudley (0527360) 619.

GRIER.—On Feb. 15, JAMES SYDNEY Gaunt, T.D., aged 80 years, formerly of Bank of England, husband of the late Frances Vera, father of John and son-in-law Sara, brother of Muriel. Funeral Tuesday, Feb. 19, Service at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth, at 3 p.m. Inquiries, please, to W. C. Parsons, Plymouth, 665438.

HARPER.—On Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1985, peacefully in her sleep at her home, Foregarth, 8, Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden, Essex, ALICE EILEEN. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m., followed by private cremation. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's H. Pearsgood & Hon. Soroptimist Club, c/o Mrs I. Goddard, 63, High Street, Saffron Walden.

HART.—On Feb. 14, suddenly, LEONARD FREDERICK, beloved and devoted husband of Barbara (née Haward), also dear brother of Gladys. Funeral service at St Margaret's Church, Ockley, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21. Family flowers only, please.

HILL.—On Feb. 15, 1985, peacefully in Frimley Hospital, JULIA VIOLET HILL, aged 92, wife of the late Dr J. G. Hill, of Aldershot, beloved mother of Margaret and Elfin and grandmother of Carol and Richard. Cremation private. Family flowers only, please.

HODGES.—On Feb. 14, 1985, at his home in Bristol, ROBERT J. P. HODGES, Major, M.B.E., R.E. (Retd).

HODGSON.—On Feb. 13, in hospital, after a long illness, HERBERT CLIFFORD. Cremation at Woodlands, Scarborough, 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19. No flowers, please.

HUTCHINSON.—On Feb. 15, 1985, peacefully in hospital, C. G. (Bertie) HUTCHINSON, in his 80th year, sadly missed by his wife Joan, Margot, Anne and his grandchildren.

INGHAM.—On Feb. 13, 1985, peacefully at her home, Cumloden, 16, Wimborne Road, Bournemouth, where she was surrounded by love and kindness, BARBARA, much loved wife of the late Commander CAMERON Sn.C. INGHAM, R.N. Funeral service Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. at Bournemouth Crematorium. Cut flowers only, please, may be sent to Deric-Scott Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Christchurch Road Bournemouth.

JEFFERY.—On Feb. 13, at Canterbury, after a long illness borne with dignity and courage, RICHARD LOUIS JEFFERY, C.Eng., M.I.M.E., E. Funeral service Christ Church, William Street, Herne Bay, Kent, Thursday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome. No flowers, by request, but gratefully for donations to Professor McElwaig's Research Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

JOHNSON.—On Feb. 14 at Shortridge Hall, MABEL, aged 90 years, formerly of The Butts, devoted sister of Mr Eric GEORGE HAROLD JOHNSON. Friends please meet for the Service at Warkworth Parish Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 11.45 a.m., to be followed by cremation at Newcastle West Road Crematorium, at 1.15 p.m.

JONES.—On Feb. 13, 1985, peacefully at home, W. GEORGE, dearly beloved husband of Sal and father of Pine and Alun. Cremation at Randalls Road Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, 36, Portland Place, London, W.1.

KARNICKI.—On Feb. 15, 1985, peacefully at home, BORYS, aged 73, submarine commander, Polish Navy, V.M., D.S.O., much loved husband, father and grandfather, deeply missed by family and many friends. Funeral service at Our Ladye Star of the Sea, Croom's Hill, Greenwich, S.E.10, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers. Donations to Polish Naval Benevolent Fund.

KEENE.—On Feb. 13, peacefully in hospital, FLORENCE MAY KEENE, in her 87th year, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs George F. Keene and granddaughter of Mr John Keene, Founder Chairman of Pearl Assurance plc, much loved sister of Arthur and the late Sidney and beloved aunt of Julia, George and Richard. Funeral 12 noon, Tuesday, Feb. 19, City of London Cemetery. Flowers to W. English & Son, 190, George Lane, Woodford, E.18.

KENT.—On Feb. 14, 1985, peacefully in an Exeter Hospital, WILFRED ALLAN, of Lyme Regis, dear husband of Margaret, father of Pamela and grandfather of Wendy and Hayley. Funeral Service Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Thursday, Feb. 21, at 12 noon. Family only. No flowers, but donations to Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, Exeter or Lyme Regis Hospital.

KNOWLES.—On Feb. 12, peacefully at home with his family, ALFRED Henryk, loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Rustington Church, West Sussex, Feb. 20, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers and inquiries to Edward White, 5, South Fallard, Chichester, tel. 782136.

LEWIS.—On Feb. 12, peacefully at Newton Home, Bristol, ARTHUR THOMAS LEWIS, aged 83 years, husband of Flora (née Murphy), of Lawood, Wrington, near Bristol. Funeral private. Memorial service at All Saints Church, Wrington, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23.

LEATHAM.—On Feb. 15, at his home in Great Missenden, Bucks, Edward John Dutton (Teddy), much loved husband of Joan and father of Deirdre. Inquiries to H. J. & A. Wright Ltd, tel. Great Missenden (02406) 3101.

LEWIN.—On Feb. 10, suddenly at home, 13, Manfe Court, Shalford, Surrey, WINFRED ELLA. Funeral service 12 noon, Feb. 20, Guildford Crematorium.

LOADER.—On Feb. 14, after a short illness at St Albans Hospital, DINNEY, widow of R. A. (Bob) LOADER (who died in 1963). Funeral strictly private. No flowers, please.

LOADER.—On Friday, Feb. 15, peacefully at home, ERNEST LIVINGSTON (FRED), loved husband of Violet Catherine, dearest father of Yvonne and dear grandfather of Georgina, Noel and Catherine, much loved by all his family. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Canterbury, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m.

LUNEN.—On Feb. 14, 1985, peacefully in Amersham Hospital, ALFRED REGINALD LUNEN, beloved husband of Winnie and a dearly loved brother-in-law and uncle. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 11 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 22. Family flowers only.

MacALLAN.—On Feb. 14, 1985, at a nursing home, GRACE, beloved wife of Harry MACALLAN, of Bothpont, Dunblane. Funeral service in St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Queen's Terrace, St Andrews, on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 11 a.m., thereafter to Western Cemetery.

MALSHINGER.—On Feb. 11, Major Ralph MALSHINGER, M.B.E., aged 83, of Great Bookham, beloved husband of Beryl. Sadly missed. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 1.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Royal Marines Benevolent Society, 1st floor, Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QX.

MANSFIELD.—On Feb. 14, peacefully at Oak Rise, Jessamine, in her 87th year, DOROTHY CONSTANCE MANSFIELD, widow of Maurice, 7th Earl of Mansfield. Private family funeral. Memorial service to be announced later.

MARGETTS.—On Feb. 14, 1985, suddenly at his home, 19, Dimson Drive, Shrewsbury, Salop, PETER WILFRED HARMUND MARGETTS, M.B.E., aged 78 years, late of South Devon Tech. dearly beloved husband of Joan. Funeral Friday, Feb. 22. Service and cremation at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, Wilts, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, to Cancer Wards at Andrew's Appeal, Swindon, Wilts. Inquiries to A. E. Smith & Son, Queens Drive, Swindon, tel. 22623.

MARTIN.—On Feb. 14, 1985, peacefully at his home, The Long Wood, Rickmans Clump, Little Baddow, Essex and Harold Sydney, dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Ann, John, Peter and David. Also his 18 loving grandchildren. Funeral service at Little Baddow Church on Friday, Feb. 22, at 11.30 a.m., followed by private cremation. By request, family flowers only.

MPCKIFF.—On Feb. 14, peacefully in Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth, Mary Frances, wife of Charles Patton Moss, L.Rx., Rupertswan, Saltash. The funeral service will be held at the Methodist Church, Barbican, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Weston Mill. Cut flowers only, please, to Tom Williams & Son, Honiton Road, Finding, Surrey.

MEIKLE.—On Feb. 12, 1985, at home in 13 Dove and Vine, ELIZABETH Anderson, of Lunan, Cheltenham. Cremation at Cheltenham on Friday, Feb. 15, at 2.30 p.m.

MERCER.—On Feb. 14, 1985, Eleanor, widow of Dr Douglas Mercer, of Spondon, mother of Douglas, Gerald, Ursula, Jocelyn and Ann. Funeral at Christ Church, Spondon, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Spondon Parish Church, Derby, Jessop Hospital for Women, Derby or Nottingham Hospice, Lady Bay.

MITCHELL.—On Feb. 14, 1985, Eleanor, widow of Dr Douglas Mercer, of Spondon, mother of Douglas, Gerald, Ursula, Jocelyn and Ann. Funeral at Christ Church, Spondon, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Spondon Parish Church, Derby, Jessop Hospital for Women, Derby or Nottingham Hospice, Lady Bay.

MOTTLEY.—On Feb. 14, 1985, Hilda Mabel. DEBRITO MOTTLEY, Funeral Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. at the West London Crematorium. Further inquiries to E. A. Lidgey Funerals Ltd, tel. 01-386-8218.

PARTRIDGE.—On Feb. 13, suddenly, WILLIAM ALBERT, aged 82, husband of Elizabeth, father of Gordon, grandfather of Gail, formerly of Ascot. Cremation private.

PATRICK.—On Feb. 14, peacefully in hospital, WINIFRED MARGARET, widow of Percy Patrick, beloved sister of Percy, Ruby, J. W. PATRICK, R.A.F. (Retd), of Old Station Road, Wadhurst, E. Sussex.

PORTER.—On Feb. 13, 1985, peacefully at Fleet Hospital, Hampshire, Victoria (Vicky), aged 84 years.

POWELL.—On Feb. 13, suddenly at home, ALDWYNE Dewhurst Cecil Powell, beloved husband of Julie, much loved father of Jessa and grandfather to Oliver, Kate and Alexander. Funeral Monday, March 4, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, Cooper's friends to be announced later.

PYPER.—On Feb. 14, following a short illness, ANNIE MAY BALLANTYNE, widow of Joseph and mother of Samantha and Ian. Cremation at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. No flowers, but donations to Wexham Hospital Trust, Slough, if desired.

RAMPTON.—On Feb. 14, 1985, Mary Elsie, widow of Sydney Rampton, of Ashford, Kent, and Hove, Sussex, and mother of Jean, Margaret and Mary.

STUBBS.—On Feb. 14, peacefully at his home in Cornwall, ALAN VALENTINE, aged 76, much loved husband of Peggy and father of Martin, Richard and Michael. Funeral service at St Petroc Minor Parish Church, Newquay, Cornwall, on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 11 a.m. Family please only.

SWAINE.—On Feb. 14, 1985, in hospital, HAROLD, of Penryn Avenue, Brooklands, Sale, Cheshire, the dearly loved husband of Edith, much loved father and father-in-law of Doug and Pat, devoted grandpa to Tony and Mark, brother of Mary. Funeral service in St John's Church, Brooklands, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 2.15 p.m., and afterwards private cremation. No flowers please, but if wished gifts in memoriam for Christie Hospital may be sent to Messrs John G. Ashton & Co., Church Street, Altrincham, tel. 061-928 7816.

THORNE. — On Feb. 12, Winifred Madeline nee Scott, wife of Adam, mother of Barry and Derek. Funeral private. Memorial service Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m., at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Hexham Road, Walton-on-Thames. Donations, if desired, to Princess Alice Hospice Trust, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey, KT10 8NA.

TOWER.—On Feb. 5, 1985, in Memoriam, Auk, Canterbury. GERALD DIANA BUTLER, aged 84.

VICKERS.—On Feb. 14, 1985, Ida, nursing home, ALICE MAUD (BESS), aged 95 years, formerly of Gillingham, Aunty, near Dorchester, Dorset. Funeral service at Melcombe Bingham Church, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to the church or to Dorset Chemists, F/D, 10, Market Place, Blandford, Dorset.

WARE.—On Feb. 14, peacefully, at home, FLORENCE VIOLET, wife of the late Colin. Deeply mourned by sister-in-law Enid, son David, daughter-in-law Sue and grandson Kim and granddaughter Eva. Funeral shortly entirely.

WATSON.—On Feb. 14, 1985, peacefully at St Rowan's House, Aspley Guise, Ann AGNES BALLANTYNE, widow of Rock Cottage, Walkerburn, beloved wife of the late Hon. DOUGLAS WATSON, W.S., and a much loved aunt and great aunt. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 11.50 a.m., to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only. Interment of ashes at Innerleithen Cemetery on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 12 p.m.

WENTWORTH.—On Feb. 13, 1985, MARGARET, widow of G. E. WENTWORTH, beloved mother of Naomi and Gaynor, dear sister of Doris and Phyllis and dearly loved grandmother. Funeral 10.45 a.m., Monday, Feb. 18, at Kelvedon Methodist Church. Family flowers only. Donations in her memory to a children's charity.

WHITNEY.—On Feb. 9, 1985, peacefully, in hospital, FLORENCE, aged 75, of 10, Bakers Homes, The Gilles, Elmo, beloved companion of Vincent Parkinson Howard. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 4 p.m.

WILCOCK. On Feb. 13, Alan Ivan, died contentedly after a long and brave struggle, much loved by his wife Judy and daughters Di and Sandy, he was admired and respected by many. Funeral service, Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 11.45 a.m., at St Mary's, Church, Chesham, Bucks, followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research, c/o Cobb Funeral Directors, Chesham.

WILLIAMS.—On Feb. 14, 1985, at Edinburgh, MARJORIE ALICE STEPANE, L.L.A., daughter of the late Mr E. Mrs Stewart Williams, of Victoria, B.C., Canada. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 2.15 p.m. Family flowers only. No letters, please.

WILLIAMS.—On Feb. 15, at Sutton, Ralph, aged 82, husband of Florence, formerly of Ashanti Goldfields. Funeral North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden, Friday, Feb. 22, at 3.50 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GREEN. — Mrs STANLEY GREEN would like to thank all friends and relatives for their letters of kindness in the sad loss of dear STANLEY.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HODSON.—A Memorial Service for the Right Rev. M. A. Hodson, will be held in Hereford Cathedral at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 5.

MALCOLMSON.—A Memorial Service for BELLE MALCOLMSON will be held on Friday, March 8, in Eton College Chapel, at